Silver Diamine Fluoride Treatment

Case 1





Case 2







Case 3







University of Washington Pediatric Dentistry Informed Consent for Silver Diamine Fluoride

About Silver Diamine Fluoride:

Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) is an antibiotic liquid medication. It is used to slow or stop decay AND treat tooth sensitivity. This medication can be used when a child is apprehensive or is unable to tolerate dental treatment. It may allow the dental team to prevent or postpone traditional treatment until a time when the child can more easily accept care.

UW Pediatric Dentistry would like your parental consent to perform the following procedure

- 1) Dry teeth
- 2) Place a small amount of SDF on visible cavities
- 3) Allow to dry (optimally for a minute)
- 4) Remove excess with gauze
 - **Typically SDF must be re-applied every 6-12 months**

Benefits:

- SDF may slow or stop tooth decay
- SDF may help relieve sensitivity

Possible Risks and Complications:

- The cavity and white pre-cavities will darken permanently as the decay process stops. Healthy tooth structure will not discolor. Discolored tooth structure can be covered or replaced with filling at a later date.
- Tooth colored fillings and crowns may also discolor if SDF is applied to them. Normally this is temporary and can be polished off.
- If SDF comes in contact with skin and/or gums, temporary discoloration may occur. It will disappear in 1-3 weeks.
- Every reasonable effort will be made to ensure the success of SDF treatment, but there is a risk that the procedure will not stop the decay and no guarantee of success is granted or implied.
- This treatment to stop or slow decay may not fully prevent the cavity from growing. In that case the
 tooth may require further treatment, such as repeat SDF, a filling or crown, root canal treatment, or
 extraction.
- The complications listed above may not include all of those reported by the drug's manufacturer. If you
 notice other effects not listed above, contact your dentist at UW.

Alternatives to SDF:

- No treatment. This may lead to continued deterioration of the tooth structures and poor cosmetic appearance. Symptoms may increase in severity.
- Other treatment may include placement of fluoride varnish, a filling or crown, or extraction. For some children sedation or general anesthesia may be required to provide care.

I hereby give permission for the patient listed here to receive Silver Diamine Fluoride treatment. I have read this form, understand the possible risks associated with the treatment, had an opportunity to ask questions of the dentist/staff and had my questions fully answered.

Patient Name	Date
Patient Signature or Legal Guardian	Date
Witness	Date