



What is Silver Diamine Fluoride?

1. Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) is a liquid medicine used to help stop decay and treat tooth sensitivity.
2. Depending on the condition of the tooth decay, teeth treated with SDF may still need a dental filling or other restoration. Additional procedures will incur a separate fee.
3. If you have an allergy to silver, painful sores in your mouth, or raw areas on your gums, **tell your provider**, you may not want to use this product.
4. With this product, tooth decay will stain black permanently. However, the healthy part of the tooth will not stain black.
5. Tooth-colored fillings and crowns may discolor if SDF is applied to them. Color changes on the tooth's surface can normally be polished off. However, the edge between a tooth and filling may keep the color.
6. If accidentally applied to the skin and gums, a temporary brown stain may appear. This will cause no harm, cannot be washed off, and will disappear within 3 weeks.
7. You may notice a metallic taste at first, but this will go away.
8. If tooth decay is not stopped, the decay will progress. In this case the tooth will require further treatment such as repeat SDF, a filling or crown, root canal treatment or extraction.
9. Every reasonable effort will be made to ensure the success of SDF treatment. However, there is a possibility that the procedure will not stop tooth decay.
10. If you would like other treatment options, please ask your dental provider.