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CONSENT FOR AMALGAM OR COMPOSITE FILLINGS

After completing your exam and x-rays, Dr. Wildern may diagnose that you are in need of a filling or fillings. A cavity will never go away on its own. There are different types of filling materials that can be used. Two types of fillings most often used are Amalgams and Composites.

There are advantages and disadvantages to both.

AMALGAM: Traditional filling material

- Durable for chewing
- Potential for sensitivity to cold
- Less expensive, insurance companies usually cover expected percentages
- There has been an ongoing debate over the last 20 years whether Amalgam fillings are a health hazard. To date there has been no evidence to support this concern. Amalgam is still in good standing with the American Dental Association.

COMPOSITE: Tooth colored filling material

- This type of filling is always done on the front six teeth, both top and bottom at no additional cost
- Bonded directly to tooth
- Potential for sensitivity to cold
- May experience leakage sooner than amalgam
- Nicer appearance
- Insurance will only pay up to what they will cover for an amalgam filling for a composite filling on the back teeth. COMPOSITES WILL COST \$45.00 to \$85.00 MORE PER TOOTH

Before the procedure you will be offered Nitrous Oxide gas if you feel that would help you relax. If perhaps you are apprehensive, this will help you a great deal. If you choose to be on the gas, you will be cleared with oxygen before leaving the office. It will not affect driving skills afterwards, but may cause nausea. There will be a topical anesthetic applied first followed by an injection. An assistant will explain in detail about your next appointment.

PLEASE INDICATE BELOW WHICH FILLING TYPE YOU PREFER:

I would prefer amalgam (silver) filling on my back teeth. ACS _____

I would prefer composite (tooth colored) fillings on my back teeth. CCS _____

I would prefer composite (tooth colored) fillings on my front ten teeth and amalgam (silver) fillings on my back teeth. CCS8 _____

Patient Signature _____ Date _____

Please direct any financial questions you may have to the front desk receptionist. Thank you