We applied Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) to your child's cavities today.





SDF is a liquid antibiotic that kills the bacteria causing the cavity. It makes the cavity hard like concrete so the cavity does not get bigger and the tooth becomes less sensitive.

We used this medicine on your child because:

- ☐ It may be a long time between now and the time your child gets a filling or silver crown (cap), and we do not want the cavity to get worse in that time. Stained areas can later be covered by fillings or crowns.
- $\ \square$ We wanted to take away some sensitivity that your child said he/she is having.
- $\ \square$ We can now let the baby tooth fall out on its own without putting a filling or crown on the tooth.

Within 24 hours, this medicine stains the cavity dark black. The healthy parts of the tooth will not be stained. **The black color indicates that the SDF is working and the cavity is stopping**. Tooth decay treated with SDF is not guaranteed to stop. But we hope it does!

If SDF accidentally touches the skin, tongue, gums, cheek, or lip, you will see a stain like a temporary tattoo, which should disappear on its own within a couple weeks.

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