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Consent for Amalgam or Composite Fillings

After completing your exam and x-rays, Dr. Wildern has diagnosed that I am in need of a filling or fillings. A cavity will never go away on its own. There are two types of fillings offered. There are advantages and disadvantages to both.

Please indicate below which filling type you would prefer:

I would prefer amalgam (silver) fillings 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 the back teeth. _____ CCSB

Patient Signature _____

Date _____

If you do not have composite coverage your insurance will only pay up to what they will cover for an amalgam filling when doing a composite filling. COMPOSITS WILL COST about \$45.00 MORE PER TOOTH if you do not have composite coverage with you insurance.

Differences between Amalgam and Composites are as follows:

Amalgam:

- Durable for chewing
- Potential for sensitivity to cold
- Less expensive

Composite:

- This type of filling is always done on the front six teeth, both top and bottom at no additional cost
- Bonded directly to the tooth
- Potential for sensitivity to cold
- May experience leakage sooner than amalgam
- Nicer appearance

Before the procedure you will be offered **Nitrous Oxide** 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.