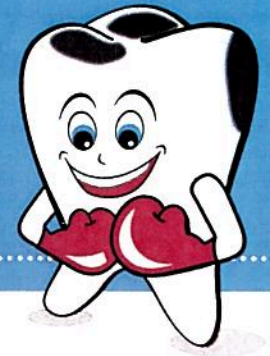


A **new** dental treatment to fight cavities!



Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) Fact Sheet

It's a fact.

Dental cavities remain one of the most common chronic diseases of childhood.

But now we have a safe, painless way of treating cavities. It's called silver diamine fluoride, or SDF, and its use is recommended by the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) for cavity control.

What is SDF?

SDF is an FDA-approved, colorless antibiotic liquid used to help prevent cavities from forming, growing, or spreading to other teeth. SDF is composed to two main ingredients:

- **Silver** to help kill bacteria
- **Fluoride** to help teeth rebuild the materials they're made of

How is it applied?

- SDF is applied directly to the surface of the teeth.
- It is brushed on quickly and painlessly.

How will SDF benefit students?

- There's no numbing or drilling. (This can be especially helpful for children who have anxiety about the dentist.)
- SDF has widely been shown to be effective in stopping cavity development and spread after a cavity has formed.
- SDF helps kill the bacteria that break down tooth surfaces while also keeping them from spreading to other teeth.

