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## INFORMED CONSENT FOR RESTORATIVE DENTAL FILLINGS

### Why a filling?

When a tooth has a cavity the Dentist removes the decay and fills the hole with a filling material, the tooth supports the filling. The ideal filling is no more than 50% of the tooth. This leaves half the tooth to support the filling. When you get a cavity that takes up 60% or more of the tooth, a crown is indicated.

### COMPOSITES (white fillings)

Bonded tooth-colored restoration which is the material of choice to restore carious lesions and other defects in teeth where esthetics is a factor. Also, composites TODAY are excellent as posterior restorations and function as well, or better than conventional amalgam. Composite restorations will discolor and stain over time if the patient is a smoker, coffee or tea drinker, cola drinker, or consumes foods with heavy dyes such as beets, curry, etc.

### ALLOYS

Silver amalgam produces a restoration that will provide many years of service. More posterior teeth are restored with amalgam than any other material. These restorations restore form and function to posterior teeth which are carious (decayed, rotten, etc...); posterior teeth which have old, defective, or fractured amalgams; posterior teeth with recurrent decay; teeth following root canal therapy which require buildups, and sometimes as a core material for teeth with posts.

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Patient Signature

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