

Sealants are a flowable plastic material that is placed into the deep grooves on tooth surfaces. Sealants are designed to help prevent decay in these grooves on primary and permanent teeth.

Dental sealants are an excellent preventive option for adults and children alike. While sealants are intended to protect against decay on biting surfaces of teeth, they do not protect against decay on the surfaces between the teeth that can only be reached with flossing. In addition, there are some circumstances that can lead a sealant to fail that can include but are not limited to the following:

-Loosening, dislodging or leaking. Over time sealants can wear out for many reasons. Several may be:

- a. Biting forces from chewing or excessive force from clenching and/or grinding.
- b. Types of food or foreign objects that are eaten or chewed on (ie, very sticky foods, hard substances such as ice, hard candies, and chewing on foreign objects like pens)
- c. Inadequate oral hygiene that allows plaque and bacteria to sit on teeth that may lead to leakage and either the sealant loosening and fall out or allow for a cavity to develop underneath. Like other restorations, sealants will be evaluated at each visit to determine if they are still in a healthy and functional state.

Over time it may be necessary to repair or replace sealants that have become worn, leaky, or have fallen off. Should a sealant need to be replaced your provider will discuss with you the advantages and disadvantages of doing so.



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Consent Form DENTAL SEALANTS

I have been provided the information regarding the procedure including the risks, the steps of the procedure and recommendations regarding post-operative care for my sealants. I hereby consent to sealant placement on the recommended teeth.

Patients Name
(please print)

Doctors Name
(please print)

Date

Witness Name
(please print)

