



### Cavities Are Contagious

Babies are not born with cavity-causing germs, they “catch” it from others. It is often Mom who passes the germs to her children without knowing it. Some common ways the germs can be passed:

- Allowing your child to put fingers in another person’s mouth
- Sharing cups, spoons or straws
- Parents putting a pacifier in their own mouth to “clean” it and then giving the pacifier to the child

### Cavities & Germs

Cavities are holes in the teeth caused by bacteria (germs). These germs live in your mouth and use sugar from food to create acid that eats through the teeth. If you do not take care of cavities, they will continue to get bigger and cause other oral health problems.



Arrest decay with

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# WHY CHOOSE SILVER DIAMINE FLUORIDE?



There are billions of germs living in your mouth, hiding in every place you could imagine. If a filling is placed in a mouth with infection, it is possible that cavity-causing germs will continue to create the acid that eats away teeth. These germs are still living in your mouth, under the filling.

Advantage Dental wants to help you control the infection without needles or drills. The “drill and fill” method is the most common way to treat cavities, but Advantage Dental wants to treat your tooth by first putting medicine on it. We call this method the Medical Management of Caries and it:

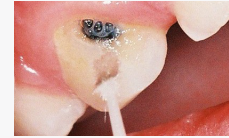
- Controls the cavity-causing germs with medicine
- Requires no shots or numbing

## Silver Diamine Fluoride

If you choose Silver Diamine Fluoride, you may need to see your dental team two to four times during the year. If the teeth need to be filled, more appointments may be necessary. During the appointments, medicine will be applied to the infection (cavity). This application process is painless.

There will be a small dark scar that shows where the infection used to be (healthy teeth will not scar). The dentist may decide that you need a filling to keep the tooth healthy. If the scar is showing when you smile, a tooth colored filling can be placed. Sometimes these fillings can be done without any numbing shots. Stopping the infection in all of your teeth will make getting new cavities less likely.

## SILVER DIAMINE FLUORIDE



The medicine is put directly on the cavity.



After treatment there will be a small dark scar on the tooth.



You have an option of getting a tooth-colored filling.

Only the decay will turn dark, healthy teeth will not.

## The Progression of Color Change



BEFORE

DAY 1

1 WEEK

How Silver Fluoride looks on a tooth with no cavity.

## BEFORE



## AFTER



By choosing Silver Diamine Fluoride your dental team will:

- Stop the infection in the tooth
- Stop the cavity from growing