



The Cowboy Dentists

Pediatric Dentistry

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WE CARE FOR CHILDREN  
WE TREAT TEETH

### FILLING MATERIAL INFORMATION

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (you can select an option below or wait until a filling is needed)

Our practice offers both amalgam (silver) fillings and composite (white) fillings for back teeth that are decayed. We recommend the amalgam (silver) filling materials for back teeth due to their durability.

Amalgam (silver) fillings have been used successfully in our practice for over 40 years with predictable results. They are great options for placement in wet environments, rarely cause post treatment sensitivity, and can be more easily placed for “wiggly” children. Amalgam (silver) fillings are less expensive and last longer compared to composite (white) fillings.

Composite (white) fillings are being improved every year. They look nice, but are not as strong under biting forces as the amalgam (silver) fillings. Composite (white) fillings require a moisture free environment, more time to place, can cause post treatment sensitivity to hot and cold, and are more prone to decay around the filling. This also means they are more expensive than amalgam (silver) fillings. Some insurance plans may not provide coverage for composite (white) fillings. We will place composite (white) fillings as long as the family is aware of the limitations of this material. If failure of a composite (white) filling occurs, there will be a charge to replace our composite (white) fillings. We do not charge to replace our amalgam (silver) fillings if six month check-ups are kept.

If composite (white) fillings are selected by the parent, but their placement is not possible due to patient cooperation, decay risk, etc, then, Dr. Miller will discuss other options including a crown or amalgam (silver) filling depending on the amount of remaining tooth structure. Composite (white) fillings are not predictable over nerve treated primary (baby) molars and we do not recommend them.

We do use composite (white) fillings for all anterior front teeth with excellent results.

Stainless steel crowns are used for badly broken down primary and permanent back molars, over nerve treatments, or in cases where extensive between teeth decay (cavities) are present.

Indicate which filling material you wish for your child’s teeth. Sign and date the top line if you want amalgam (silver) fillings or the bottom line for composite (white) fillings. (must be over 18 years)

I. \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
I want amalgam (silver) fillings and or necessary stainless steel crowns for back teeth as indicated.  
Circle both or one: a) baby (primary) b) permanent

II. \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
I want composite (white) fillings on back teeth.  
Circle both or one: a) baby (primary) b) permanent