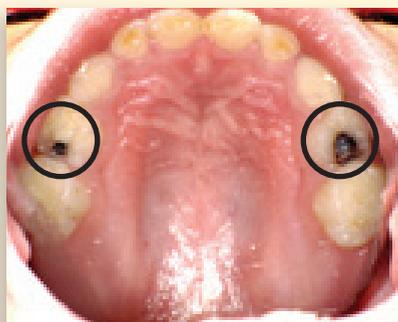


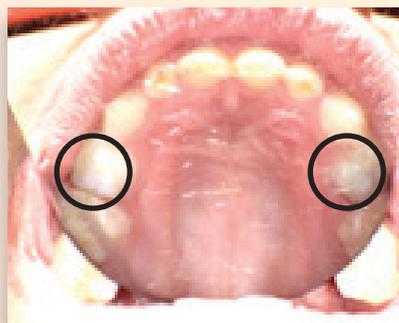
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What can I do at home to get the best result from this treatment?

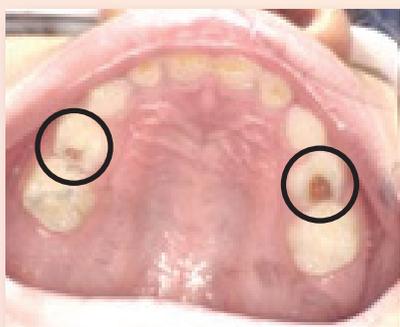
It is important to work with oral health staff in order to set goals (that you decide) for your child and family. This may be working on changing some of the foods/drinks your child has, how long they brush for and what type of toothpaste they use. This will speed up the tooth repair process and help stop the disease.



After Silver Fluoride, holes have turned black (circled)



After final tooth coloured fillings placed (circled)



Before Silver Fluoride (decay circled)

If you have any questions please ask our staff.

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What is Silver Fluoride?

Silver Fluoride treatment can help stop holes in teeth getting worse. It can also be used to treat sensitivity.

How does it work?

This treatment uses silver to kill germs. The fluoride in it helps stop the hole from getting bigger and makes the tooth stronger.

How often is Silver Fluoride used?

Silver Fluoride treatment may be used 3-4 times a year until the hole stops growing or a filling is put in, or the baby tooth falls out. The tooth may still need other treatment such as fillings, caps or tooth removal.

What are the advantages?

Some patients can't deal with long or complicated treatment. Silver Fluoride helps stop decay and repairs the tooth. It can also give us some extra time before any further work needs to be done. This extra time can help us make your child feel more relaxed.

It may also help prevent the need for more complex treatment like a general anaesthetic in the future.

What will the hole look like after Silver Fluoride treatment?

The hole will turn a dark brown to black colour permanently, which can be covered later.

This is a sign that the Silver Fluoride treatment is working and is stopping

the disease (see the photos below). Fillings and caps can sometimes also change colour but healthy teeth will not stain.



Decayed tooth (circled)



With Silver Fluoride applied (circled)

Once the disease has stopped and if your child is comfortable to have treatment, a tooth coloured filling or silver cap can be placed on the tooth.

What are the side effects?

If Silver Fluoride touches the skin or gums, they may turn black. The stain will not harm your child. The stain will not wash off straight away but it will go away in about a week.



Please let our oral health staff know if your child has a tin or silver allergy, or if they have had a gum infection with very painful sores (stomatitis). If you are not sure, please ask.