



This office will now be placing white resin "bonded" fillings when possible.

Over the past ten or more years studies have shown that white bonded fillings are superior to silver fillings. After the decay is removed, silver fillings require the removal of *good* tooth structure for strength and retention of the silver filling. When you place a white filling, only decay is removed. No extra drilling is required. The combination of less drilling and the addition of bonded materials result in a much stronger tooth. Leading dental clinicians now recommend the placement of white bonded fillings over silver fillings whenever possible.

It is true that the placement of these bonded fillings is more difficult and more time consuming, resulting in a higher fee initially. However, they result in less tooth fracture than silver fillings, fewer replaced fillings, fewer root canals, fewer crowns or caps, and fewer lost teeth. Therefore, the patient quickly recovers the additional initial cost. Our primary goal of keeping a healthy set of teeth for your lifetime with less pain, less inconvenience, and ultimately less cost, comes a step closer.

Insurance companies are gradually recognizing the value of white bonded fillings and some do pay the higher fee. Our office is dedicated to providing the best dental care and the staff will be happy to answer any questions that you may have about this or any procedure.

Please contact your insurance company to become acquainted with what they allow for "resin fillings", as this is ultimately your responsibility. This will help avoid any insurance issues in the future that may occur. *If you would prefer to have silver fillings, please discuss this with myself PRIOR to any appointments.*

Signature: _____ Date: _____