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INFORMED CONSENT FOR OCCLUSAL SEALANTS

Sealants help to prevent caries (decay) in the pits and grooves of posterior (back) teeth. They do not prevent decay on all surfaces of the tooth. Proper brushing and flossing is still necessary, or decay can develop. We do not remove tooth structure place them. We use a sealant material which bonds chemically and micromechanically to tooth structure. It also releases small amounts of fluoride which increases enamels resistance to bacteria and has antibacterial properties. Sealants are an optional treatment and may be done at your convenience.

Potential benefits of sealants:

1. Prevention of decay on the biting surfaces of back teeth.
2. Helps with brushing on the occlusal surfaces of the back molars.

Risks include but are not limited to the following:

1. Replacement every few years, which is commonly needed.
2. Breakage of sealants, which is common with certain habits such as chewing ice or other hard foods.
3. Early loss of sealants, which can be caused by bruxism (tooth grinding).

I understand that my child's diet and oral hygiene will influence the longevity of dental sealants. Decay can form around sealants if not taken care of with brushing and flossing. Our office checks the sealants every six months at your child's routine checkup appointment and will replace them as needed.

I understand it is my responsibility for understanding my insurance coverage this service.

We charge a onetime fee of **\$64.00 per tooth** (4 teeth per. visit). If our sealants come off we will replace them at no charge to you as long as we see your child on a regular basis to the age of 18.

If the sealants are not covered by my insurance I understand I am responsible for the cost.

Thank you,
David R Atherton DDS

Signature of parent/legal guardian

Date