

Welcome!

WHOM MAY WE THANK FOR REFERRING YOU? _____

PATIENT INFORMATION

PATIENT NAME _____ BIRTHDATE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE NUMBERS

WORK # _____ CELL # _____

HOME # _____ E-MAIL _____

FOR EMERGENCY, NOTIFY _____ PHONE # _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OCCUPATION _____ EMPLOYER _____

S.S. # _____ DRIVER'S I.C. _____

SPOUSE/SIGNIFICANT OTHER _____

EMPLOYER _____ PHONE # _____

S.S. # _____ BIRTHDATE _____

INSURANCE INFORMATION

INSURANCE NAME: _____ GROUP # _____

GROUP NAME: _____ POLICY HOLDER ID # _____

PHONE # _____

CONFIDENTIAL HEALTH HISTORY

Patient Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

I. CIRCLE APPROPRIATE ANSWER (leave blank if you do not understand the question)

1. Yes / No Is your general health good?
If NO, explain: _____
2. Yes / No Has there been a change in your health within the last year?
If YES, explain: _____
3. Yes / No Have you gone to the hospital or emergency room or had a serious illness in the last three years?
If YES, explain: _____
4. Yes / No Are you being treated by a physician now? If YES, explain: _____
Date of last medical exam? _____ Reason for exam: _____
5. Yes / No Have you had problems with prior dental treatment?
If YES, explain: _____
Date of last dental exam: _____ Name of last treating dentist: _____
6. Yes / No Are you in pain now?
If YES, explain: _____

II. HAVE YOU EVER EXPERIENCED ANY OF THE FOLLOWING? (Please circle Yes or No for each)

- | | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Yes / No Chest pain (angina) | Yes / No Blood in stools | Yes / No Frequent vomiting |
| Yes / No Fainting spells | Yes / No Diarrhea or constipation | Yes / No Jaundice |
| Yes / No Recent significant weight loss | Yes / No Frequent urination | Yes / No Dry mouth |
| Yes / No Fever | Yes / No Difficulty urinating | Yes / No Excessive thirst |
| Yes / No Night sweats | Yes / No Ringing in ears | Yes / No Difficulty swallowing |
| Yes / No Persistent cough | Yes / No Headaches | Yes / No Swollen ankles |
| Yes / No Coughing up blood | Yes / No Dizziness | Yes / No Joint pain or stiffness |
| Yes / No Bleeding problems | Yes / No Blurred vision | Yes / No Shortness of breath |
| Yes / No Blood in urine | Yes / No Bruise easily | Yes / No Sinus problems |
- Other: _____

III. HAVE YOU EVER HAD OR DO YOU HAVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING? (Please circle Yes or No for each)

- | | | |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Yes / No Heart disease | Yes / No AIDS/HIV | Yes / No Psychiatric care |
| Yes / No Family history of heart disease | Yes / No Surgeries | Yes / No Osteoporosis |
| Yes / No Heart attack | Yes / No Hospitalization | Yes / No Thyroid disease |
| Yes / No Artificial joint | Yes / No Diabetes | Yes / No Asthma |
- Type/ Date of surgery: _____
- | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Yes / No Stomach problems or ulcers | Yes / No Family history of diabetes | Yes / No Hepatitis |
| Yes / No Heart defects | Yes / No Tumors or cancer | Yes / No Sexually transmitted disease |
| Yes / No Pacemaker | | |
- Date implanted: _____
- | | | |
|--------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Yes / No Heart murmurs | Yes / No Chemotherapy | Yes / No Herpes |
| Yes / No Rheumatic fever | Yes / No Radiation | Yes / No Canker or cold sores |
| Yes / No Skin disease | Yes / No Arthritis, rheumatism | Yes / No Anemia |
| Yes / No Hardening of arteries | Yes / No Emphysema or other lung disease | Yes / No Liver disease |
| Yes / No High blood pressure | Yes / No Kidney or bladder disease | Yes / No Eye disease |
| Yes / No Seizures | Yes / No Stroke | Yes / No Transplants |
| Yes / No Cosmetic surgery | Yes / No Eating disorders | Yes / No Tuberculosis |

Other: _____

IV. ARE YOU ALLERGIC TO OR HAVE YOU HAD A REACTION TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING?

(Please circle Yes or No for each)

Yes / No Aspirin	Yes / No Valium or sedatives	Yes / No Codeine or other opioids
Yes / No Penicillin or other antibiotics	Yes / No Latex	Yes / No Food
Yes / No Nitrous oxide	Yes / No Local anesthetic	Yes / No Metal

Others: _____

V. ARE YOU TAKING OR HAVE YOU TAKEN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS?

(Please circle Yes or No for each)

Yes / No Recreational drugs	Yes / No Tobacco in any form	Yes / No Antibiotics
Yes / No Over-the-counter medicines	Yes / No Alcohol	Yes / No Supplements
Yes / No Weight loss medications	Yes / No Bisphosphonate (Fosamax)	Yes / No Aspirin
Yes / No Antidepressants	Yes / No Herbal supplements	
Yes / No Opioids (e.g., Norco, Vicodin, Percocet, Percodon) If YES, please explain reason: _____		

Please list all prescription medications: _____

VI. ALL PATIENTS (Please circle Yes or No for each, as applicable)

Yes / No Do you have or have you had any other diseases or medical problems NOT listed on this form?
If YES, please explain: _____

Yes / No Have you ever been pre-medicated for dental treatment? If YES, why: _____

Yes / No Have you tested positive for COVID-19?
If YES, date of positive test result: _____

Yes / No Are you experiencing any ongoing or lasting symptoms or effects as a result?
If YES, what are these symptoms or effects? _____

Yes / No Are you currently under the care of a physician or taking any medications for any of the conditions listed above?
If YES, please list _____

Yes / No Are you or could you be pregnant? If YES, how many months? _____

Yes / No Are you nursing?

If patient answers "yes" to any of the questions above, consider seeking additional information from the patient regarding their symptoms and medications, prior to treatment.

Yes / No **Are there any issues or conditions that you would like to discuss with the dentist in private?**

The practice of dentistry involves treating the whole person. If the dentist determines that there may be a potentially medically-compromised situation, medical consultation may be needed prior to commencement of dental treatment.

I authorize the dentist to contact my physician.

Patient's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Physician's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____



Appointment Cancellation Policy

We strive to render excellent dental care to you and the rest of our patients. In an attempt to be consistent with this, we have an Appointment Cancellation Policy that allows us to schedule appointments for all patients. When an appointment is scheduled, that time has been set aside for you and when it is missed, that time cannot be used to treat another patient.

Our policy is as follows: We require that you give our office 48 hour notice in the event that you need to reschedule your appointment. This allows for other patients to be scheduled into that appointment. If you miss an appointment without contacting our office within required time, this is considered a missed appointment. A fee of \$75 dollars will be charged to you; this fee cannot be billed to your insurance company and will be your direct responsibility. No future appointments can be scheduled nor can records be transferred without the payment of this fee. Additionally, if a patient is more than 15 minutes late without prior notice for a scheduled appointment, we will consider this a missed appointment and the \$75 dollar cancellation fee will be charged.

If you have any questions regarding this policy, please let our staff know and we will be glad to clarify any questions you have. We thank you for your patronage.

I have read and understand the Appointment Cancellation Policy of the practice and I agree to be bound by its terms. I also understand and agree that such terms may be amended from time-to-time by the practice. I, _____ (print name), have received a copy of Geller Dentistry Appointment Cancellation Policy.

Signature of Patient

Date

HIPAA Information and Consent Form

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) provides safeguards to protect your privacy. Implementation of HIPAA requirements officially began on April 14, 2003. Many of the policies have been *our* practice for years. This form is a "friendly" version. A more complete text is posted in the office.

What this is all about: Specifically, there are rules and restrictions on who may see or be notified of your Protected Health Information (PHI). These restrictions do not include the normal interchange of information necessary to provide you with office services. HIPAA provides certain rights and protections to you as the patient. We balance these needs with our goal of providing you with quality professional service and care. Additional information is available from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. www.hhs.gov

We have adopted the following policies:

1. Patient information will be kept confidential except as is necessary to provide services or to ensure that all administrative matters related to your care are handled appropriately. This specifically includes the sharing of information with other healthcare providers, laboratories, health insurance payers as is necessary and appropriate for your care. Patient files may be stored in open file racks and will not contain any coding which identifies a patient's condition or information which is not already a matter of public record. The normal course of providing care means that such records may be left, at least temporarily, in administrative areas such as the front office, examination room, etc. Those records will not be available to persons other than office staff. You agree to the normal procedures utilized within the office for the handling of charts, patient records, PHI and other documents or information.
2. It is the policy of this office to remind patients of their appointments. We may do this by telephone, e-mail, U.S mail, or by any means convenient for the practice and/or as requested by you. We may send you other communications informing you of changes to office policy and new technology that you might find valuable or informative.
3. The practice utilizes a number of vendors in the conduct of business. These vendors may have access to PHI but must agree to abide by the confidentiality rules of HIPAA.
4. You understand and agree to inspections of the office and review of documents which may include PHI by government agencies or insurance payers in normal performance of their duties.
5. You agree to bring any concerns or complaints regarding privacy to the attention of the office manger or the doctor.
6. Your confidential information will not be used for the purposes of marketing or advertising of products, goods or services.
7. We agree to provide patients with access to their records in accordance with state and federal laws.
8. We may change, add, delete or modify any of these provisions to better serve the needs of the both the practice and the patient.
9. You have the right to request restrictions in the use of your protected health information and to request change in certain policies used within the office concerning your PHI. However, we are not obligated to alter internal policies to conform to your request.

I, _____ date _____ do hereby consent and acknowledge my agreement to the terms set forth in the HIPAA INFORMATION FORM and any subsequent changes in office policy. I understand that this consent shall remain in force from this time forward.

Consent to Proceed

I authorize Dr. _____ and/or such associates or assistants as s/he may designate to perform those procedures as may be deemed necessary or advisable to maintain my dental health or the dental health of any minor or other individual for which I have responsibility, including arrangement and/or administration of any sedative (including nitrous oxide), analgesic, therapeutic, and/or other pharmaceutical agent(s), including those related to restorative, palliative, therapeutic or surgical treatments.

I understand that the administration of local anesthetic may cause an untoward reaction or side effects, which may include, but are not limited to bruising, hematoma, cardiac stimulation, muscle soreness, and temporary or rarely, permanent numbness. I understand that occasionally needles break and may require surgical retrieval. Occasionally drops of local anesthetic may contact the eyes and facial tissues and cause temporary irritation.

I understand that as part of the dental treatment, including preventive procedures such as cleanings and basic dentistry, including fillings of all types, teeth may remain sensitive or even possibly quite painful both during and after completion of treatment. Dental materials and medications may trigger allergic or sensitivity reactions.

After lengthy appointments, jaw muscles may also be sore or tender. Holding one's mouth open can, in a predisposed patient, precipitate a TMJ disorder. Gums and surrounding tissues may also be sensitive or painful during and/or after treatment. Although rare, it is also possible for the tongue, cheek or other oral tissues to be inadvertently abraded or lacerated (cut) during routine dental procedures. In some cases, sutures or additional treatment may be required.

I understand that as part of dental treatment items including, but not limited to crowns, small dental instruments, drill components, etc. may be aspirated (inhaled into the respiratory system) or swallowed. This unusual situation may require a series of x-rays to be taken by a physician or hospital and may, in rare cases, require bronchoscopy or other procedures to ensure safe removal.

I understand the need to disclose to the dentist any prescription drugs that are currently being taken or that have been taken in the past, such as Phen-Fen. I understand that taking the class of drugs prescribed for the prevention of osteoporosis, such as Fosamax, Boniva or Actonel, may result in complications of non-healing of the jaw bones following oral surgery or tooth extractions.

I do voluntarily assume any and all possible risks, including the risk of substantial and serious harm, if any, which may be associated with general preventive and operative treatment procedures in hopes of obtaining the potential desired results, which may or may not be achieved, for my benefit or the benefit of my minor child or ward. I acknowledge that the nature and purpose of the foregoing procedures have been explained to me if necessary and I have been given the opportunity to ask questions.

Patient Name: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

(Patient, legal guardian or authorized agent of patient)

Dental Materials – Advantages & Disadvantages

PORCELAIN FUSED TO METAL

This type of porcelain is a glass-like material that is “enameled” on top of metal shells. It is tooth-colored and is used for crowns and fixed bridges

Advantages

- Good resistance to further decay if the restoration fits well
- Very durable, due to metal substructure
- The material does not cause tooth sensitivity
- Resists leakage because it can be shaped for a very accurate fit

Disadvantages

- More tooth must be removed (than for porcelain) for the metal substructure
- Higher cost because it requires at least two office visits and laboratory services

GOLD ALLOY

Gold alloy is a gold-colored mixture of gold, copper, and other metals and is used mainly for crowns and fixed bridges and some partial denture frameworks

Advantages

- Good resistance to further decay if the restoration fits well
- Excellent durability; does not fracture under stress
- Does not corrode in the mouth
- Minimal amount of tooth needs to be removed
- Wears well; does not cause excessive wear to opposing teeth
- Resists leakage because it can be shaped for a very accurate fit

Disadvantages

- Is not tooth colored; alloy is yellow
- Conducts heat and cold; may irritate sensitive teeth
- High cost; requires at least two office visits and laboratory services

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Dental Materials Fact Sheet

What About the Safety of Filling Materials?

Patient health and the safety of dental treatments are the primary goals of California's dental professionals and the Dental Board of California. The purpose of this fact sheet is to provide you with information concerning the risks and benefits of all the dental materials used in the restoration (filling) of teeth.

The Dental Board of California is required by law* to make this dental materials fact sheet available to every licensed dentist in the state of California. Your dentist, in turn, must provide this fact sheet to every new patient and all patients of record only once before beginning any dental filling procedure. As the patient or parent/guardian, you are strongly encouraged to discuss with your dentist the facts presented concerning the filling materials being considered for your particular treatment.

* *Business and Professions Code 1648.10-1648.20*

Allergic Reactions to Dental Materials

Components in dental fillings may have side effects or cause allergic reactions, just like other materials we may come in contact with in our daily lives. The risks of such reactions are very low for all types of filling materials. Such reactions can be caused by specific components of the filling materials such as mercury, nickel, chromium, and/or beryllium alloys. Usually, an allergy will reveal itself as a skin rash and is easily reversed when the individual is not in contact with the material.

There are no documented cases of allergic reactions to composite resin, glass ionomer, resin ionomer, or porcelain. However, there have been rare allergic responses reported with dental amalgam, porcelain fused to metal, gold alloys, and nickel or cobalt-chrome alloys.

If you suffer from allergies, discuss these potential problems with your dentist before a filling material is chosen.

PORCELAIN (CERAMIC)

Porcelain is a glass-like material formed into fillings or crowns using models of the prepared teeth. The material is tooth-colored and is used in inlays, veneers, crowns and fixed bridges.

Advantages

- Very little tooth needs to be removed for use as a veneer; more tooth needs to be removed for a crown because its strength is related to its bulk (size)
- Good resistance to further decay if the restoration fits well
- Is resistant to surface wear but can cause some wear on opposing teeth
- Resists leakage because it can be shaped for a very accurate fit
- The material does not cause tooth sensitivity

Disadvantages

- Material is brittle and can break under biting forces
- May not be recommended for molar teeth
- Higher cost because it requires at least two office visits and laboratory services

NICKEL OR COBALT- CHROME ALLOYS

Nickel or cobalt-chrome alloys are mixtures of nickel and chromium. They are a dark silver metal color and are used for crowns and fixed bridges and most partial denture frameworks.

Advantages

- Good resistance to further decay if the restoration fits well
- Excellent durability; does not fracture under stress
- Does not corrode in the mouth
- Minimal amount of tooth needs to be removed
- Resists leakage because it can be shaped for a very accurate fit

Disadvantages

- Is not tooth colored; alloy is a dark silver metal color
- Conducts heat and cold; may irritate sensitive teeth
- Can be abrasive to opposing teeth
- High cost; requires at least two office visits and laboratory services
- Slightly higher wear to opposing teeth



Dental Materials – Advantages & Disadvantages

GLASS IONOMER CEMENT

Glass ionomer cement is a self-hardening mixture of glass and organic acid. It is tooth-colored and varies in translucency. Glass ionomer is usually used for small fillings, cementing metal and porcelain/metal crowns, liners, and temporary restorations.

Advantages

- Reasonably good esthetics
- May provide some help against decay because it releases fluoride
- Minimal amount of tooth needs to be removed and it bonds well to both the enamel and the dentin beneath the enamel
- Material has low incidence of producing tooth sensitivity
- Usually completed in one dental visit

Disadvantages

- Cost is very similar to composite resin (which costs more than amalgam)
- Limited use because it is not recommended for biting surfaces in permanent teeth
- As it ages, this material may become rough and could increase the accumulation of plaque and chance of periodontal disease
- Does not wear well; tends to crack over time and can be dislodged

RESIN-IONOMER CEMENT

Resin ionomer cement is a mixture of glass and resin polymer and organic acid that hardens with exposure to a blue light used in the dental office. It is tooth-colored but more translucent than glass ionomer cement. It is most often used for small fillings, cementing metal and porcelain metal crowns and liners.

Advantages

- Very good esthetics
- May provide some help against decay because it releases fluoride
- Minimal amount of tooth needs to be removed and it bonds well to both the enamel and the dentin beneath the enamel
- Good for non-biting surfaces
- May be used for short-term primary tooth restorations
- May hold up better than glass ionomer but not as well as composite
- Good resistance to leakage
- Material has low incidence of producing tooth sensitivity
- Usually completed in one dental visit

Disadvantages

- Cost is very similar to composite resin (which costs more than amalgam)
- Limited use because it is not recommended to restore the biting surfaces of adults
- Wears faster than composite and amalgam

Toxicity of Dental Materials

Dental Amalgam

Mercury in its elemental form is on the State of California's Proposition 65 list of chemicals known to the state to cause reproductive toxicity. Mercury may harm the developing brain of a child or fetus.

Dental amalgam is created by mixing elemental mercury (43-54%) and an alloy powder (46-57%) composed mainly of silver, tin, and copper. This has caused discussion about the risks of mercury in dental amalgam. Such mercury is emitted in minute amounts as vapor. Some concerns have been raised regarding possible toxicity. Scientific research continues on the safety of dental amalgam. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there is scant evidence that the health of the vast majority of people with amalgam is compromised.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and other public health organizations have investigated the safety of amalgam used in dental fillings. The conclusion: no valid scientific evidence has shown that amalgams cause harm to patients with dental restorations, except in rare cases of allergy. The World Health Organization reached a similar conclusion stating: "Amalgam restorations are safe and cost effective."

A diversity of opinions exists regarding the safety of dental amalgams. Questions have been raised about its safety in pregnant women, children, and diabetics. However, scientific evidence and research literature in peer-reviewed scientific journals suggest that otherwise healthy women, children, and diabetics are not at an increased risk from dental amalgams in their mouths. The FDA places no restrictions on the use of dental amalgam.

Composite Resin

Some Composite Resins include Crystalline Silica, which is on the State of California's Proposition 65 list of chemicals known to the state to cause cancer.

It is always a good idea to discuss any dental treatment thoroughly with your dentist.

DENTAL AMALGAM FILLINGS

Dental amalgam is a self-hardening mixture of silver-tin-copper alloy powder and liquid mercury and is sometimes referred to as silver fillings because of its color. It is often used as a filling material and replacement for broken teeth.

Advantages

- ♥ Durable; long lasting
- ♥ Wears well; holds up well to the forces of biting
- ♥ Relatively inexpensive
- ♥ Generally completed in one visit
- ♥ Self-sealing; minimal-to-no shrinkage and resists leakage
- ♥ Resistance to further decay is high, but can be difficult to find in early stages
- ♥ Frequency of repair and replacement is low

Disadvantages

- Refer to "What About the Safety of Filling Materials"
- Gray colored, not tooth colored
- May darken as it corrodes; may stain teeth over time
- Requires removal of some healthy tooth
- In larger amalgam fillings, the remaining tooth may weaken and fracture
- Because metal can conduct hot and cold temperatures, there may be a temporary sensitivity to hot and cold.
- Contact with other metals may cause occasional, minute electrical flow

The durability of any dental restoration is influenced not only by the material it is made from but also by the dentist's technique when placing the restoration. Other factors include the supporting materials used in the procedure and the patient's cooperation during the procedure. The length of time a restoration will last is dependent upon your dental hygiene, home care, and diet and chewing habits.

COMPOSITE RESIN FILLINGS

Composite fillings are a mixture of powdered glass and plastic resin, sometimes referred to as white, plastic, or tooth-colored fillings. It is used for fillings, inlays, veneers, partial and complete crowns, or to repair portions of broken teeth.

Advantages

- ♥ Strong and durable
- ♥ Tooth colored
- ♥ Single visit for fillings
- ♥ Resists breaking
- ♥ Maximum amount of tooth preserved
- ♥ Small risk of leakage if bonded only to enamel
- ♥ Does not corrode
- ♥ Generally holds up well to the forces of biting depending on product used
- ♥ Resistance to further decay is moderate and easy to find
- ♥ Frequency of repair or replacement is low to moderate

Disadvantages

- Refer to "What About the Safety of Filling Materials"
- Moderate occurrence of tooth sensitivity; sensitive to dentist's method of application
- Costs more than dental amalgam
- Material shrinks when hardened and could lead to further decay and/or temperature sensitivity
- Requires more than one visit for inlays, veneers, and crowns
- May wear faster than dental enamel
- May leak over time when bonded beneath the layer of enamel

