



**Summary of Treatment Recommendations**

\_\_\_\_\_ Amalgam (Silver) Fillings

For areas of decay, the decay is removed and a silver filling is placed over the tooth.

\_\_\_\_\_ White Fillings

For areas of decay, the decay is removed and a white filling is placed over the tooth.

\_\_\_\_\_ Sealants

A sealant is a thin resin material which is “painted” on the grooves of the back teeth. Sealants are the most effective preventive technique after fluoridated water. However, sealants only protect the grooves of the teeth; sealants cannot be applied between teeth. Effective flossing must protect these areas.

\_\_\_\_\_ Minor Nerve Treatments

For primary (baby) teeth, a minor nerve treatment or partial root canal treatment is required when a tooth is severely decayed or fractured. This treatment allows the tooth to remain comfortably in the mouth until the normal time for it to come out. If a tooth requires a minor nerve treatment and does not receive it, the tooth will become infected and may need to be extracted.

\_\_\_\_\_ Stainless Steel Crowns

These crowns are silver in color and are usually placed on back teeth which have extensive decay or fractured. These crowns restore more strength to the tooth.

\_\_\_\_\_ White Crowns for Front Teeth

These crowns are used when front teeth have extensive decay or are fractured.

\_\_\_\_\_ Extractions, Spacers

If a primary tooth needs must be extracted, a spacer is frequently necessary to hold the space open that the extracted tooth occupied. If a spacer is not used, the teeth behind the extraction site will move into that space. This can create a serious orthodontic problem when the permanent teeth come in.

\_\_\_\_\_ “Laughing Gas” (Nitrous Oxide)

Laughing gas helps most people (both children and adults) to feel more relaxed. Some of the treatment recommended may be accomplished more easily, without discomfort, and sometimes without an injection if laughing gas is used.

\_\_\_\_\_ Detailed Orthodontic Evaluation

\_\_\_\_\_ Check Ups Every Six Months

\_\_\_\_\_ Area of Small/ Potential Decay Noted

A filling and/or sealant may be recommended in the future, but neither is recommended at this time.

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