

Office Support and Billing Staff: Below are specific talking points about SDF for your use:

- Apple Tree is offering a new medication called Silver Diamine (“die-ah-mean”) Fluoride (SDF) which kills bacteria and stops cavities from growing. It may also be used to prevent cavities and tooth sensitivity.
- SDF has been shown to stop cavities from getting larger/deeper but it will turn tooth decay dark brown or black - this shows that it is killing the bacteria.
- This staining only affects the decayed areas and is permanent, unless the stained decay is removed and replaced with dental filling material.
- SDF itself is simple to apply and does not require shots or drilling. The tooth is dried before and after the liquid SDF is brushed on.
- Because it also stains other surfaces, care will be taken to prevent it from touching skin and clothing.
- SDF may be reapplied every 6 months for best results
- SDF can be a short-term or long-term treatment depending upon the condition of the affected tooth/teeth and patient choices. It might be used before a filling or instead of a filling.
- Some insurance plans cover SDF application, for example, once every six months,
- If SDF is recommended for you, you will have the chance to ask questions and to choose SDF on your treatment plan.

Please review and consider utilizing this helpful info while we all work together to inform and educate as many people as we can about Silver Diamine Fluoride, it’s indications and benefits!