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**SEALANTS**

Sealants are a liquid resin/plastic used to “seal out/create a barrier” for the grooves and pits of the permanent 6 and 12 year molars. Sealants can be white or clear in color. Sealants became prevalent in the 1990’s and have been shown to reduce the need for fillings by about 72%. Sealants are **NOT** a 100% guarantee for a cavity free tooth, as sticky foods/candies and grinding can pull them off.

Sealants help prevent cavities on these very important teeth by keeping out the plaque, food and bacteria which produce a by-product of acid. These acids can dissolve minerals in the teeth, which can ultimately lead to cavities. Sealants are placed on the back permanent molars, usually 4 molars at a time.

Sealants cost \$42.00 per tooth and can be placed during a regular check-up. Most insurance companies cover some part of the cost of sealants. You will be responsible for any amount not covered by insurance. If you would like, the front desk will check on your insurance benefit before sealants are placed.

**I UNDERSTAND THAT THE PLACEMENT OF SEALANTS IS NOT A GUARANTEE TO KEEP TEETH CAVITY FREE. I GIVE PERMISSION TO HAVE SEALANTS PLACED.**

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Patients Name

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Parent Signature

Date