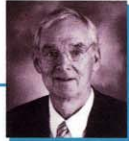


From Your DENTIST



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Our Mission: Helping you keep your smile for a lifetime.

Thanks for Sharing Our Care!

It means a great deal to us when our patients are so pleased with our service that they send their families, friends, and co-workers to us. It is very important to us to provide the kind of quality care you want to share with people you care about.

We've recently started a referral program. It works like this, whenever you send a new patient to us, we'll thank you with a gift. You choose the gift, either a \$50 credit on your account, or \$50 to Biaggi's or Granite City or a \$50 BP gas card. Make sure the person you send our way gives us your name so we can give credit where credit is due.

We hope this will show how much we appreciate your trust in our staff, and we trust that the people you send to us will find us just as professional, gentle, and caring as you do.

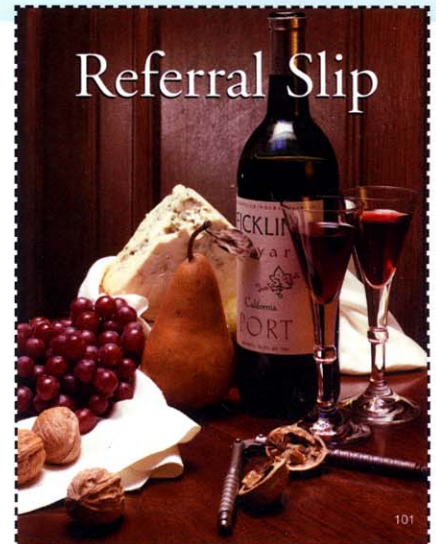


Fillings Aren't Forever

Certain problems with a filling alert us that it needs immediate attention. Cracks, chips, and fractures of the filling that may not be apparent to you will, in time, lead to sensitivity, recurring decay, or loss of the filling.

Open margins are gaps that develop between the tooth and the filling. These develop in much the same way that "potholes" form in a street. Cold or hot foods cause the filling to contract or expand. When this occurs, the edges of the filling can chip off, leaving a small gap. Eventually, these open margins will also cause problems.

Staining sometimes occurs in bonded or tooth-colored fillings that were placed years ago. Smoking or drinking coffee or tea often causes the discoloration. Replacement with newer tooth-colored materials can enhance the appearance of your teeth. Maintain your fillings in tiptop shape through good home care and regular professional checkups.



Referral Slip

We would like more patients like you. Please refer us to your family, friends & co-workers and we will THANK YOU with a gift.

Have them call for an appointment

362-8657

After their first visit, we will contact you to choose:
\$50 toward your next dental visit or
\$50 to Biaggi's or Granite City or a
\$50 BP Gasoline card

Thank you from
Family SmileCare Center!

Reminder: Think now about scheduling any year-end treatment to take advantage of insurance, flex, and cafeteria money.



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Composite Fillings

The Results Are Worth It

Composite fillings take a little longer to place and are somewhat more expensive than conventional fillings, but patients will tell you that the results are well worth it. In addition to the natural look of composites, there are other benefits that make them an excellent choice for restorations.

Composites are better

First, and most obvious, composites are better from an aesthetic viewpoint. We've found that most patients would rather have a natural-looking filling that can't be detected when they smile. Cosmetically, composites are a natural and beautiful alternative to amalgam.

Today's composites also stand up to changes in temperature. They are strong and durable, so they resist the wear and tear of daily chewing.

Another benefit is that composite restorations require only minimal removal of your tooth, and they help seal weaknesses to protect your natural tooth structure. In other words, a composite is better for the tooth being filled, as well as being cosmetically appealing.

Taking the time to make it right

Preparing a composite restoration involves extra steps and takes a little longer than doing a conventional filling. First, we remove the decayed material. Next, the tooth surface is etched, cleaned, and dried. Steps are then taken to make sure the filling bonds well to the natural tooth, and to resist sensitivity later on. A bonding agent is also applied. Then the composite material is matched to the tooth, cured, and applied in layers. The process ends with trimming and adjusting the composite material to match your specific bite pattern.

Because of the complicated technique necessary to perform this restoration, composites are somewhat more costly than amalgam fillings. However, the benefits of these fillings - aesthetics and temperature resistance - make them well worth the extra time and expense.

