

The background is a light blue gradient with several realistic water droplets of various sizes scattered across the surface. The droplets have highlights and shadows, giving them a three-dimensional appearance.

SILVER DIAMINE FLUORIDE (SDF)

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What is SDF?

- A topical clear or tinted blue liquid.
- 38% SDF - 25% SILVER, 8% AMMONIA, 5% FLUORIDE (44,800 PPM), AND 62% WATER.
- A combination of antibacterial effects of silver and re-mineralizing effects of fluoride
- PPM = Parts Per Million



Why use SDF?

Arrest the dental caries

Non-surgical caries restoration

38% SDF inhibits cariogenic biofilm formation and prevents further tooth demineralization

Helps prevent emergency visits in children with Early Childhood Caries (ECC)

How to apply SDF?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a0HH7GifdM4>

Who can apply SDF?

- Dentist
- Dental Hygienist
- Physicians
- Nurses
- Possible medical assistant

Varies depending on the state.

Effectiveness of SDF

Clinical Studies have shown that

- 38% SDF can arrest dental caries and stop further progression of the disease
- Significantly more effective for caries prevention in primary teeth and first molars

Contraindication for SDF



- Allergy to Silver
- Gingiva Stomatitis
- Teeth with evidence of pulpitis or pulpal necrosis
- Teeth with deep caries lesions
- During the first six months of breast feeding
- Recommend pregnancy test prior to using SDF for women of childbearing age due to uncertainty

Additional information

- Not a MediCal benefit for the medical settings
- A MediCal benefit for dental settings in California
- SDF 38% was cleared for use by the Food and Drug Administration in August 2014 to use for dentinal sensitivity.
- Dental professionals outside of the U.S have been used it for both dentinal hypersensitivity and as a caries therapy for more than 45 years.

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