

DENTAL SEALANTS

What are sealants?

Sealants are made of clear or shaded plastic and are applied to the teeth to help keep them cavity free. Sealants protect the surfaces of the teeth that have grooves and pits, especially the chewing surfaces of the back teeth.

How do sealants work?

Even if your child brushes and flosses regularly, it is difficult to clean the tiny grooves and pits on certain teeth. Food and bacteria build up in these depressions, and if not cleaned out, can cause decay. Sealants cover these grooves and pits and create a barrier to the food and plaque.

How long do sealants last?

Research shows that sealants can last many years. By placing sealants on teeth soon after they have erupted in the mouth, the teeth are protected during the most cavity-prone years. With good oral hygiene and regular check ups, the risk of decay is greatly reduced.

How is the tooth sealed?

The application of a sealant is quick and comfortable. It typically takes just one visit. The tooth is first cleaned and then the sealant is applied with a brush. It is then light cured to full hardness.

Which teeth should be sealed?

The teeth most at risk are the six-year and twelve-year molars. Although these are the teeth most often sealed, any tooth with grooves or pits may benefit from the protection of sealants.

If a tooth has a sealant, do you still need to brush it?

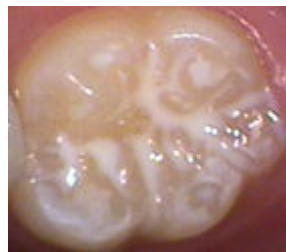
Yes! Sealants are a part of keeping teeth cavity free, but the most important is daily brushing and flossing.

Are sealants covered by my insurance?

Each insurance is unique in its' coverage. To be absolutely sure of your benefits our office will call your insurance company to determine your coverage. The best action to take is to let our office submit a predetermination to the insurance company to determine your child's coverage.



Before Sealant



After Sealant

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