

Tooth Colored Fillings

Follow up Information

- Do not bite together hard or eat on fillings for 2 to 3 hours. Composite fillings set up hard right away, but be aware of any areas where anesthetics may have been used.
- Children should be observed until the anesthetic wears off. Many children will chew the inside of their lips, cheeks or tongue which can cause serious damage.
- Sensitivity, especially too cold, is common for a few days following a dental restoration. Usually, the deeper the cavity, the more sensitive the tooth will be.
- Sensitivity is usually most noticeable the first 12 to 24 hours after the anesthetic wears off.
- The gum tissue could have been irritated during the procedure and may be sore for a few days together with the anesthetic injection site.
- The finished restoration may be contoured slightly different and have a different texture than the original tooth. Your tongue usually magnifies this small difference, but you will become accustomed to this in a few days.



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