

CONSENT FORM FOR AMALGAM

CONSENT TO DENTAL PHOTOGRAPHY

During your dental appointments we routinely take photographs, of your face, jaws and teeth, before, during and after treatment, which are primarily used for our dental records.

In addition, the practice growing reputation the case photos would be of great use to be used anonymously in presentations, research papers and certain marketing channels for the practice. Please sign if you would be comfortable for anonymised photographs of your teeth to be used in the following ways:

- 1. Dental studies and research papers.
- 2. Dental education including lectures, seminars, demonstrations.
- 3. Professional publications such as journals or books.
- 4. Professional private online forums to obtain specialist advice.
- 5. Marketing material, including websites, printed materials, patient education and social media posts.

Print Name	
Signature	Date



What is an Amalgam Filling?

Silver amalgam fillings have been used for decades as a filling material for teeth, and although unproven the silver amalgam may have an effect on general health of a person due to its mercury content. However, silver amalgam is still endorsed by the NHS health board as an acceptable filling material.

What are possible complications?

1. Sensitivity of teeth

The teeth treated may remain sensitive both during and after complications of treatment. If the pain is severe or extreme sensitivity persists for an extended period of time, please call the practice for an examination.

2. Fracture or breakage

Should a tooth require a large amalgam filling because of the extent of decay or for another reason, there is a possibility of the filling/tooth breaking or loosening.

3. Root Canal or Extraction

Should the decay have invaded the tooth to the extent that even after it has been filled, it remains pr becomes excessively painful, it may be necessary to either perform root canal treatment or extract the tooth.

4. Fragility of silver amalgams

Silver amalgam is quite fragile until it has completely solidified. It is necessary to avoid chewing on recently placed amalgam fillings for approximately 24 hours.

5. Amalgam tattoos

Occasionally shavings generated by placement or carving of the amalgam fillings work their way int the surrounding gum tissues and become lodged. Over an extended period of time grey spots or tattoos may become visible within the mouth.

6. Anaesthetic

There may be numbness in the tongue, teeth, jaws and/or facial anaesthetic administration or other treatment procedures. If this numbness persists for a period of time longer than 24 hours, please call the practice.

CONSENT

I confirm that I have read all of this and understand this consent form and	give consent for this treatment.
Patient's Name (please print)	
Signature of patient or legal guardian	Date