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POSTERIOR COMPOSITE INFORMED CONSENT

As opposed to mercury (silver filling), the ceramic-composite restoration is bonded to the tooth by means of an acid-etch technique. The ceramic-composite restoration is also a harder material than mercury (silver filling) and does not “wear in.” Therefore, any continuing post-operative sensitivity with these teeth should be reported to the doctor so that the appropriate adjustments can be made.

If a posterior composite resin is the material chosen to replace dental amalgam and other non-precious metal, the advantages and disadvantages of the materials chosen have been explained to me, including the fact that there has not been a sufficient number of years of use to scientifically prove their wear characteristics. Accordingly, at this time, it is not known if posterior composites will last as long as dental amalgam, and therefore may have to be replaced more frequently than amalgam.

As might occur with the placement of amalgam, gold, or any other dental materials, I understand that there are situations beyond the control of my dentist that may necessitate endodontic treatment and / or removal of an existing tooth, despite precautions taken and proper procedures utilized.

Before dental work is done, a treatment plan will be presented to me and thoroughly discussed by the doctor or assistant. I understand that the treatment plan is only a guideline and may change.

Note: The preceding release does not obligate the patient to have any dentistry performed. I have read this statement and fully understand it.

Signature _____ Date _____
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