Less is More: Trends in Minimally Invasive Dentistry

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Part 1: Be SMART: Improve Your Practice with Silver Diamine Fluoride, Glass Ionomer Cement, and the Hall Technique

Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) is a revolutionary approach to combating caries in a non-invasive manner. Following a widely publicized 2016 feature in the New York Times, there has been tremendous interest surrounding the use of SDF from patients and dentists. Learn the principles of case selection, informed consent, treatment planning, and a clinical protocol for SDF. Learn how to restore cavities in a quick, effective, and painless way using Glass Ionomer Cement, stainless steel crowns, and SDF, known as Silver Modified Atraumatic Restorative Treatment (SMART) and the Hall Technique. Find out how offering minimally-invasive options like SDF, SMART, and Hall crowns can attract new patients, improve patient satisfaction, and increase internal marketing and word of mouth referrals to your practice.

Part 2: Minimally Invasive Cosmetic Treatment Options for Enamel Defects

Unsightly congenital enamel defects and acquired white spot lesions can be troublesome for many patients. Historically, these blemishes have been treated with invasive and costly resin bondings and veneers. Dealing with enamel defects can prove particularly troublesome for young patients, which when left untreated, often become a source of embarrassment for the patient. Or worse, some lesions may progress to cavitations, particularly post-orthodontic young patients, which when left untreated, often become a source of embarrassment for the patient. Or worse, some lesions may progress to cavitations, particularly post-orthodontic white spot lesions. This course will review three simple and painless options to manage enamel defects. MI Paste, ICON Resin Infiltration, and etch/bleach seal can improve or even completely reverse the appearance of congenital enamel defects and white spot lesions while preserving tooth structure and repairing the patient’s natural enamel.

Learning Objectives:

- Describe the evidence for using SDF and SMART to treat and prevent dental caries
- Describe the evidence for the Hall Technique
- Describe the evidence for using MI Paste, ICON Resin Infiltration, and Etch/Bleach/Seal
- Review informed consent, coding, and billing
- Describe case selection, materials, and clinical protocol for each procedure
- Review the pros and cons for each technique

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