

Dental Materials Fact Sheet

Dear Patient:

The California State Legislature passed a new law (SB 134) requiring all dentists to inform their patients of the Dental Materials Fact Sheet (DMFS). This is required of every new and returning patient that receives dental restorative treatment. Each patient, including children, must sign the acknowledgement form below and have this form retained in your patient records.

This law was created to encourage doctor-patient discussions about the dental materials used in restorative procedures, including the risks and benefits of these materials. This requirement came about primarily because of an increased attention on all products containing mercury. In this dental office we do not use amalgam (silver filling material which contains mercury) for restorations, but this discussion of materials is appropriate and this acknowledgement will need to be completed.

The American Dental Association and the California Dental Association have provided documentation regarding the safety and efficacy of amalgam and current scientific literature continues to support its use.

Patient Acknowledgment:

I, _____, acknowledge that I have received from Rebecca A. Marsh DDS, APC a copy of the Dental Materials Fact Sheet prepared by Dental Board of California, dated May 2004.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Guardian: _____
(If patient is a minor or under custodianship)

Date: _____