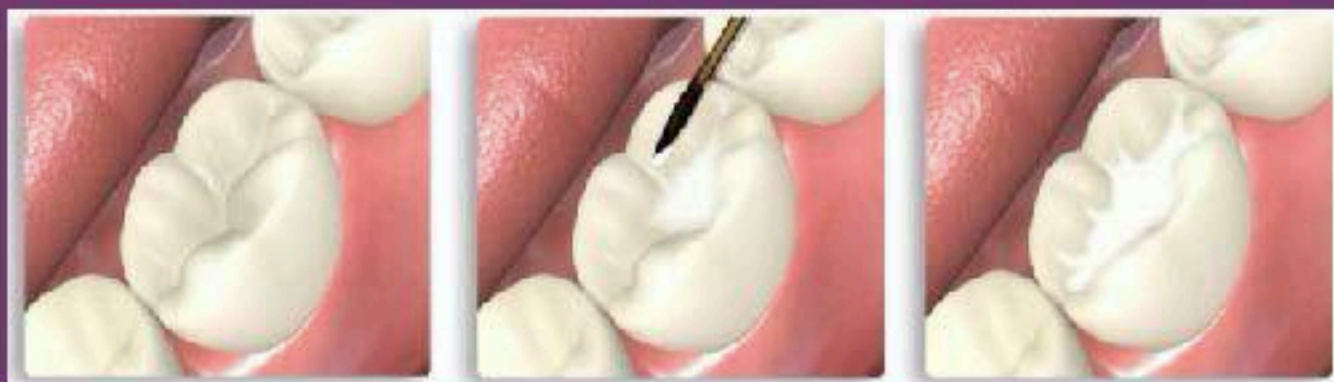


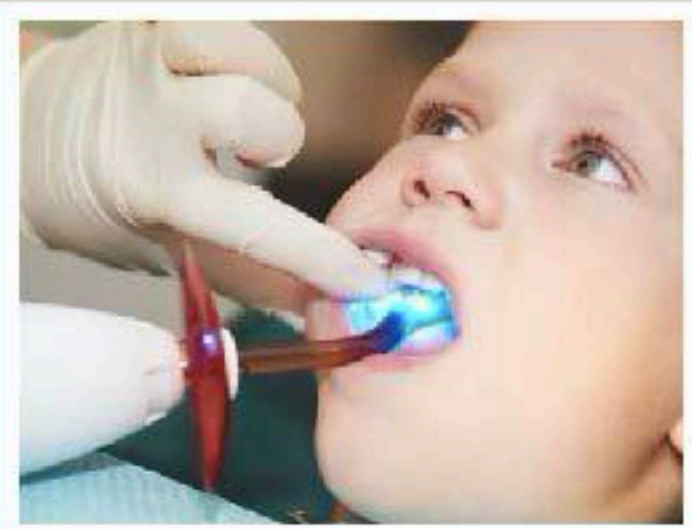
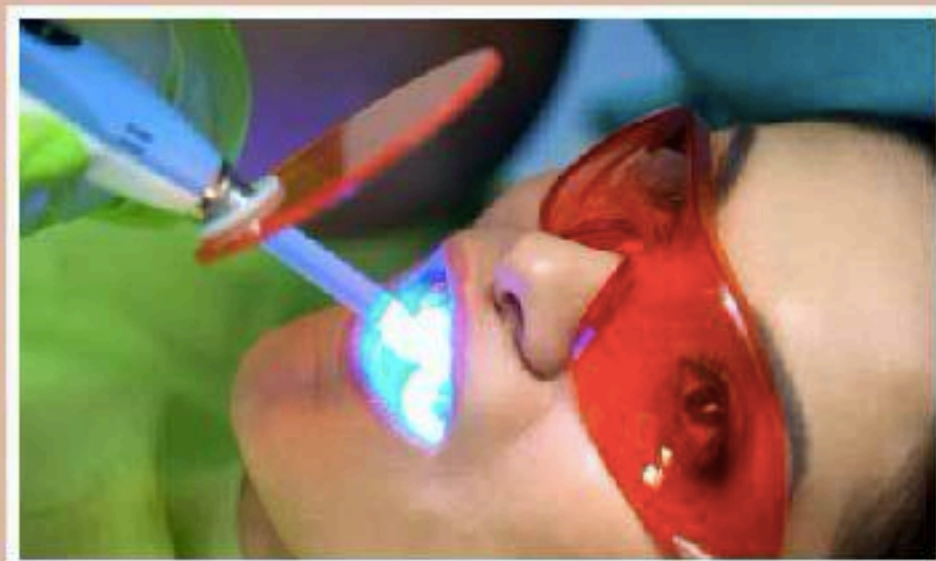


How Do Dental Sealants Work?

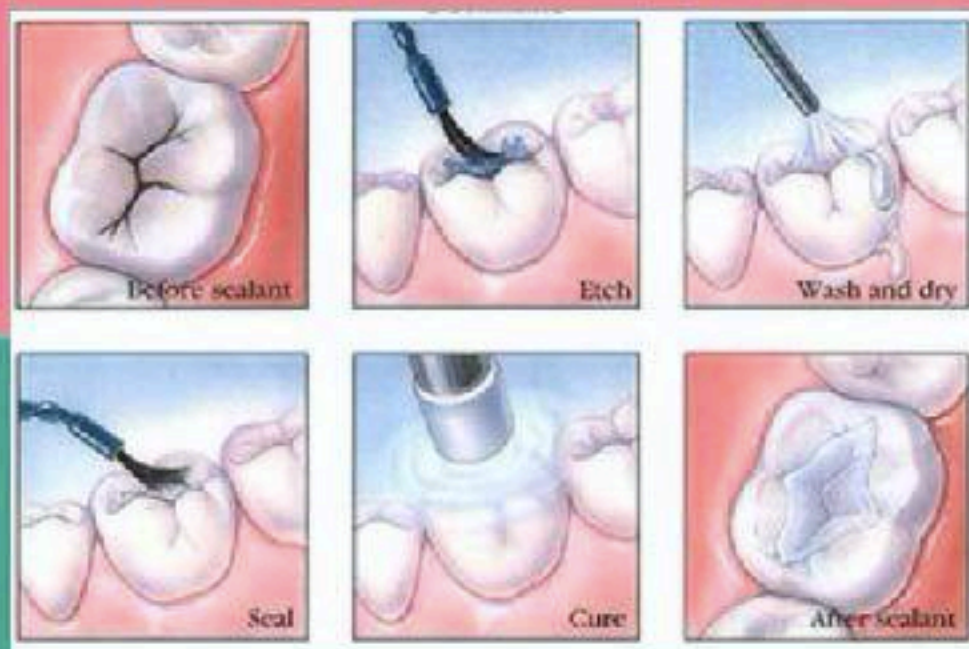
Dental sealants are made up of plastic resin material, and are used to coat the surfaces of patients back teeth. The material of the sealant is flexible and is able to flow across and into the surfaces of teeth. Sealants protect teeth, acting as a barrier to stop bacteria and plaque from entering cavities in teeth.



Dental fillings and sealants are not the same. Sealants are a preventative action taken to protect against cavities and future damage. Fillings are used to repair damage that has already occurred from a cavity.



2 years after their application sealants are able to protect against 80% of potential cavities. They protect up to 50% for 4 years after application. Protection from sealants can last up to 9 years, however in some rare cases a sealant may fall off. Make sure to schedule dental visits every 6 months to have your sealants and oral health checked.



Sealants are important for children and teens between the ages of 5-14. Once a child's permanent teeth come in, dentists recommend that sealants be placed to protect their teeth as they grow.

