



WHAT ARE AMALGAM FILLINGS?

Amalgam or silver fillings are the metal coloured fillings that many people have. Amalgam was the traditional material used for fillings for many years.

WHY SHOULD I CONSIDER WHITE FILLINGS?

Most people have fillings of one sort or another in their mouths. Nowadays fillings are not only functional, but can be natural looking as well. Many people don't want silver fillings that show when they laugh or smile because they are more conscious about the way they look.



ARE THEY EXPENSIVE?

Costs can vary quite a lot from dentist to dentist. Costs usually depend on the size and type of white filling used and the time it takes to complete the treatment. Costs may also vary from region to region. As a guide, white fillings start from around £70 each, but we will give you a firm estimate of the cost before you agree to treatment.

ARE THEY AS GOOD AS SILVER AMALGAM FILLINGS?

White fillings have always been considered less long lasting than silver amalgam fillings. But there are now new materials available with properties comparable to silver amalgam, and these are proving to be very

successful. The life expectancy of a white filling can depend greatly on where it is in your mouth and how heavily your teeth come together when you bite. Your dentist can advise you on the life expectancy of your fillings.

IS IT WORTH REPLACING MY AMALGAM FILLINGS WITH WHITE ONES?

It is usually best to change fillings only when your dentist decides that an old filling needs replacing. If so you can ask to have it replaced in a tooth-coloured material.



WHAT ARE TOOTH-COLOURED FILLINGS MADE OF?

This can vary, but they are mainly made of glass particles, synthetic resin and a setting ingredient. Your dentist should be able to give you more information about the particular materials that we use.

WHERE CAN I GET THEM DONE?

Swakeleys Dental Practice offer white fillings as a normal part of the treatment we give you.

ARE THERE ANY OTHER ADVANTAGES TO WHITE FILLINGS?

Adhesive dentistry is another form of this treatment. This involves bonding the filling to the tooth. The dentist has to remove less of the tooth, which is obviously better.

