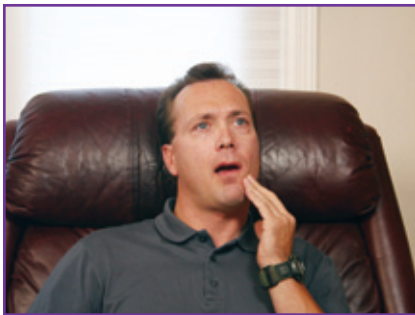


# Homecare— Amalgam Fillings

Now that we've placed your silver amalgam filling, it's important to follow these recommendations to ensure its success.



*Avoid chewing until numbness wears off*



*Brush and floss normally*



*Use salt water rinses for soreness*

## **Chewing and eating**

If we used an anesthetic during the procedure, avoid chewing until the numbness has worn off completely.

Don't chew hard foods or chew directly on the filling for 24 hours. If possible, chew only on the opposite side of your mouth.

## **Brushing and flossing**

Brush and floss normally.

If your teeth are sensitive to hot, cold, or pressure, use a desensitizing toothpaste. If sensitivity persists beyond a few days, call us.

## **Discomfort**

To reduce any discomfort or swelling, rinse your mouth three times a day with warm salt water. Use about one teaspoon of salt per glass of warm water. It's normal for your gums to be sore for several days.

## **When to call us**

Call our office if your bite feels uneven, you have sensitivity or discomfort that increases or continues beyond three or four days, or if you have any questions or concerns.