

Sealants

Q. ME33, SIPP TM Waves 6, 9, 12, 1996; TM Waves 3, 6, 2001

Dental sealants are special plastic coatings that are painted on the tops of the back teeth to prevent tooth decay. They are different from fillings, caps, crowns, and fluoride treatments.

Has [child's name] ever had dental sealants painted on their teeth?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

Q.O11a, b, c, NHIS, 1986

a. Dental SEALANTS are special plastic coatings that are painted on the tops of the back teeth to prevent tooth decay. They are put on by a dentist or a dental hygienist. They are DIFFERENT from fillings, caps, crowns and fluoride treatments. (Has anyone in the family/has child's name) had dental SEALANTS (placed on their/ painted on his/her) teeth?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 9 DK

b. Who is this?

c. Anyone else?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

Q.P5a, b, c, NHIS, 1989

a. Dental SEALANTS are special plastic coatings that are painted on the tops of the back teeth to prevent tooth decay. They are put on by a dentist or a dental hygienist. They are DIFFERENT from fillings, caps, crowns and fluoride treatments. Has anyone in the family EVER had dental SEALANTS painted on their teeth?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 9 DK

b. Who is this?

c. Anyone else?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

Q.Z4a, b, NHIS, 1990

a. Have you ever heard of DENTAL SEALANTS?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

b. Which of the following BEST describes the purpose of dental sealants —to fill cavities, to prevent tooth decay, to improve the appearance of the teeth, or to hold dentures in place?

- 1 Fill cavities
- 2 Prevent tooth decay
- 3 Improve appearances of teeth
- 4 Hold dentures in place
- 9 DK

Q.PCB.040, NHIS, 1998

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Has [child name] ever had dental sealants painted on {his/her} teeth?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 7 Refused
- 9 DK

Q.DN04, MEPS HC, 1996; 1997; 1998; 1999; 2000; 2001

What did (person) have done during this visit? Probe: What else was done?

- 1 General exam, checkup or consultation
- 2 Cleaning, prophylaxis, or polishing
- 3 X-rays, radiographs, or bitewings
- 4 Fluoride treatment
- 5 Sealant (plastic coatings on back teeth)
- 6 Fillings
- 7 Inlays
- 8 Crowns or caps
- 9 Root canal
- 10 Periodontal scaling, root planing, or gum surgery
- 11 Periodontal recall visit (periodic or regular)
- 12 Extraction, tooth pulled
- 13 Implants
- 14 Abscess or infection treatment
- 15 Other oral surgery
- 16 Fixed bridges
- 17 Dentures or removable partial dentures
- 18 Relining or repair of bridges or dentures
- 19 Orthodontia, braces, or retainers
- 20 Bond, whiten, or bleach
- 21 Treatment for TMD or TMJ
- 99 Other
- 7 Ref
- 8 DK