

White fillings

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What are white fillings?

A filling replaces part of a tooth that has been lost due to decay or through accidental damage.

What will Keval do?

Keval will:

- usually numb the tooth and adjacent area with an injection – some small fillings may not need this
- remove the decay, together with any old filling material, and shape the cavity using a small, high speed drill
- wash and dry the tooth by blowing water and then air onto it
- use one of a variety of means to isolate the tooth and keep it dry
- apply a special adhesive to the tooth, typically in two or three stages, and then place the filling, again in stages
- harden the filling material between stages of the filling procedure, by the use of a bright light shone inside the mouth
- trim the filling as necessary and then polish it, checking that you can bite together comfortably

What are the benefits?

- A tooth may need less drilling for a white, tooth coloured filling than for a metal filling
- Unlike metal fillings, white, tooth coloured filling materials, which come in different shades to match different coloured teeth, are glued into place, sealing the filling and helping to strengthen the remaining part of the tooth. White, tooth coloured filling materials can be used in most situations, including the filling of back teeth and making front teeth look better