

### **Tooth Colored Fillings**

A composite (tooth colored) filling is used to repair a tooth that is affected by decay, cracks, fractures, etc. The decayed or affected portion of the tooth is removed and then filled with a composite filling. The filling bonds to the structure of the tooth and does not require any pins or grooves to hold them in place. The composite filling resembles the tooth in color and appearance, but the bonding of the filling actual strengthens the tooth structure.

As with most dental restorations, composite fillings are not permanent and may someday have to be replaced. They are very durable. Many patients switch out their old amalgam (silver colored) fillings with composite fillings.

