

Intolerances to Dental Treatment

a. **Placement of topical anesthetic** - If a patient is taste sensitive then they will not tolerate any of the following steps required to restore their teeth

b. **Pinch of the needle**

c. **The act of numbing their teeth** - this is separate from the pinch of the needle

d. **Placement of the rubber dam** (raincoat when I talk to kids) - Kids dislike the placement of the rubber dam as much as they dislike the pinch of the needle and act of numbing of their teeth

(i) They dislike the squeeze of the rubber dam clamp which keeps the rubber dam in place.

(ii) They often dislike having something bulky in the mouth but it is vital to the success of restoring teeth.

(iii) The rubber dam keeps the patient from swallowing water

(iv) Ensures all the decay is removed since your visual field is better

(v) Placement of the filling is done under bone dry conditions so that it does not fall out

(vi) If a child moves inadvertently then they won't cause any soft tissue injury, etc.

e. **Noise of the drills**

f. **Vibrations of the drill**

g. **Time** - Kids have very short attention spans and therefore you cannot do more than 1 quadrant at a time

