

# Dr. Little's Dental News

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## CAN ASPIRIN REVERSE TOOTH DECAY?

A recent finding by scientists may help to further bolster aspirin's reputation as a "wonder drug" with multiple potential benefits. While aspirin (acetylsalicylic acid) has been used for many years as a painkiller, new research suggests that it may also reverse the effects of tooth decay. According to initial research, aspirin has been found to have the ability to stimulate stem cells in teeth, thereby enhancing tooth regeneration. While teeth are able to produce a thin layer of "dentin" (the layer beneath the enamel), it is not enough to repair a large cavity. If researchers can find ways to develop treatments using aspirin that help teeth

repair themselves, fillings may become a thing of the past.

Because the field of dentistry is ever-changing, we never consider our training to be complete. We believe that quality care requires constant, continuing education. Our patients trust us with their care, so we feel we owe it to them to share the knowledge we have learned and provide the most up-to-date treatment available. For personalized attention from dedicated specialists, we offer comprehensive dental care for the family.

P.S. Today's tooth-colored composite resins used to fill cavities not only look better than amalgam (silver) fillings, but they are far less resistant to shrinkage.

*Dr. Little provides quality family and cosmetic dentistry.*

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