Dental Amalgam will be phased out from 2025 onwards

Forty ton of mercury is still being used in dental treatments in the EU each year! For reasons of environmental protection, The European Council and Parliament agreed to ban the use of amalgam for any dental treatment in its member states as of the 1st of January, 2025.*

EU countries that have not yet adjusted their reimbursement system to cover alternatives, may postpone the phase-out up until 30 June 2026.

*Source: European Parliament News

Mercury: deal with Council to phase out the use of dental amalgam | News | European Parliament (europa.eu)

Which criteria should be considered when selecting an alternative material?

The use of dental amalgam is declining worldwide. The Minamata Convention has provided direction for a phase down of its use as a restorative material to eliminate the release of mercury into the environment. Alternative direct dental restorative materials have improved with time, but still have limitations. Adequate knowledge of these limitations is critical for appropriate material selection and optimal patient care. Ease and costs of placement, preservation of tooth tissue, performance in high stress areas, caries risk status, adverse reaction to the material as well as the relevance of ion release by such materials are important issues to consider when selecting from these alternatives to dental amalgam.

Source: FDI Statement, https://www.fdiworlddental.org/ alternative-direct-restorative-materials-dental-amalgam

What are the available restorative options?

Luckily, we have viable mercury-free alternatives nowadays. To bring some clarity, we have summarized some scientifically supported options for you and the best indications for each of them.



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