

MOLLUSCUM & WART REMOVERS PATIENT INFORMATION SHEET

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT WARTS & MOLLUSCUM

Warts and molluscum are skin growths caused by viruses. They can grow on any part of the body. Their appearance depends primarily on their location. Although they don't spread easily, viruses can be passed to others by direct contact, or indirectly in such places as locker rooms and public showers. They can also spread on the same individual by picking, scratching, etc. They are sometimes easy to live with but they can be unsightly and become painful, especially on the feet. They will sometimes bleed if injured.

YOU WERE TREATED WITH

- CANTHARONE
- PODOPHYLLUM

HOW CANTHARONE WORKS

The normal action of these medications is to form a blister underneath the lesion. This occurs within 24 hours of application. The blister formation kills the virus by cutting off its blood supply. Occasionally, there may be some blood in the blister fluid...do not be alarmed at this. The blister may be painful, be inflamed and itch. Your physician will recommend appropriate medication.

TREATMENT PROGRESSION (WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT)

As a general rule, you can expect the following:

4 HOURS: Mild discomfort may occur; control with bathing and medication.

24 HOURS: Blistering usually formed within 24 hours.

4 DAYS: Crusted blisters fall off leaving superficial erosions. Medication, like an anti-itch cream, may be needed to control nighttime itching. Ask your pharmacist. You may use bacitracin twice daily.

7 DAYS: Healed with temporary residual inflammation/redness. Any resistant lesions will be re-treated by your physician at your next appointment. Temporary loss of normal pigmentation often occurs, but no scarring.

SELF-TREATMENT AT HOME

The lesion has been covered with a non-porous tape to help the CANTHARONE penetrate. If your doctor used REGULAR CANTHARONE: leave the tape on for 6 hours. Tape should be on a minimum of 4 hours. IF YOU SEE SIGNS OF INFECTION, SWELLING, REDNESS-ESPECIALLY RED STREAKS, CALL YOUR DOCTOR. After removing the tape, you may wash the area with a mild antibacterial soap and water. It is alright to shower. After you dry off, protect the area with a loose Band-Aid. Your doctor may suggest daily soaks in cool water for 10-15 minutes.

RE-EXAMINATION / RE-TREATMENT

Most people are cured after one treatment depending upon the size and number of lesions. In some cases, annular warts may occur after any treatment; the wart will actually spread a little. This "annular wart" is rare and is not a cause for concern; advise your doctor if this occurs. The entire virus must be destroyed or it will grow back.

NEXT APPOINTMENT Date: Two weeks

Recommendation:

For pain: Tylenol or Motrin

For itching: Sarna Lotion

Antibacterial soap: Cetaphil

Antibiotic Ointment: Bacitracin/Bactroban