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Wart Remover Patient Information

General Information about Warts

Warts are skin growths caused by viruses and can grow on any part of the body. Their appearance depends primarily on their location. Although they do not spread easily, wart 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. Warts are sometimes easy to live with, but they can be unsightly and become painful, especially on feet, and will sometimes bleed if injured.

How the Wart remover works

The normal action of these medications is to form a blister underneath the wart. This occurs within 24 hours of application. The blister formation kills the wart by cutting off its blood supply. Occasionally, there may be some blood in the blister fluid...don't be alarmed by this. This blister may also be painful, inflamed and/or itch. Dr. Mossel 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 may be needed to control nighttime itching.

7 days: Healed with temporary residual inflammation or 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

Your wart has been covered with a non-porous tape to help the medication penetrate. Leave the tape on overnight. Tape should be on a minimum of 4 hours. IF YOU SEE SIGNS OF INFECTION, SWELLING, REDNESS – ESPECIALLY RED STREAKS, CALL DR. MOSSEL! After removing the tape, you may wash the area with a mild anti-bacterial soap and water. It is okay to shower. After you dry off, protect the area with a loose Band-Aid. Daily soaks in cool water for 10-15 minutes is also suggested.

Re-examination/Re-treatment

Most people are cured after several treatments depending upon the size and number of warts. 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 of concern; advise Dr. Mossel if this occurs. The entire wart must be destroyed, or it will grow back.