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## **Genital Wart Treatment**

With any of the treatments used for genital warts, you can have permanent hyper-pigmentation (a darker spot or spots) or hypo pigmentation (a lighter spot or spots) in the area(s) treated. Usually this color change will settle down with time, but it may also be permanent.

### **LIQUID NITROGEN TREATMENT**

Liquid Nitrogen treatment is cryotherapy or (freezing) of the skin.

#### **YOU MAY EXPECT**

- Blister formation in 1 to 2 hours
- Scab formation in 2 to 3 days
- Scab peeling off in 7 to 10 days

There may be pain at the time of freezing but the pain will not last. The treatment (freezing) is not uncomfortable for most people.

### **PODOPHYLLIN (PODOPHYLLUM) TREATMENT**

Podophyllin is a liquid chemical that is put onto the wart.

Pregnant women should not be treated with podophyllin.

Wash off in 1-4 hours. If there is any unusual pain or inflammation, wash it off sooner.

If you have any discomfort from the treatment, let your health care provider know at your next visit.

### **CARE OF WARTS AFTER TREATMENT**

- Bathe and shower normally
- Keep the skin dry; use of a hair dryer on a low setting may help.

### **FOLLOW UP**

If any warts persist, they can be treated again in about 7-10 days. Since treatment of warts is mainly cosmetic, you can check the healing yourself unless you would like us to check for you.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact your doctor, local health unit or see contact information below.