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WARTS

A wart is a growth on the outer layers of the skin. Warts are caused either by human papillomaviruses or molluscum contagiosum. Warts can occur anywhere on the body and usually are spread by direct contact with the virus.

Wart Treatment

Warts can disappear without treatment, but this can take months to years. In this time, many warts may spread and/or become painful.

There is no guarantee that any wart treatment will be 100% effective in getting rid of warts. Southdale Pediatrics offers Liquid Nitrogen Cryotherapy in our offices.

Liquid Nitrogen Cryotherapy freezes the wart and surrounding skin. It is directly applied to the lesion. This application is painful and can cause a stinging or burning sensation. A blister will form at the site of treatment within 24 hours of treatment. Within a couple of days, the blister will flatten and within 2-3 weeks, the blister will slough off. Multiple treatments are often required for more stubborn warts.

In having warts treated, there are a few things to know:

- There is no guarantee that cryotherapy will work 100% of the time
- It often takes multiple treatments and office visits to resolve warts
- Warts can recur in the same place as previously treated
- New warts can appear around or near warts being treated during treatment
- Wart treatment can leave a scar
- Multiple treatments can be expensive and time consuming

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A WART TREATED IN OUR OFFICE, PLEASE SIGN THE CONSENT FORM PRIOR TO TREATMENT.