

CANTHARONE PLUS® WART REMOVER PATIENT INFORMATION SHEET

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT WARTS

Warts are skin growths caused by viruses. Warts can grow on any part of the body. Their appearance depends primarily on their location. Although they don't 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 the feet. Warts will sometimes bleed if injured.

HOW CANTHARONE PLUS® 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 at this. The blister may also be painful, 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 HRS:** Mild discomfort may occur. Control with bathing and medication. **(REMOVE TAPE)**
- **24 HRS:** Blistering, usually within 24 hours.
- **4 DAYS:** Crusted blisters fall off leaving superficial erosions. Medication may be needed to control night time itching.
- **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

Your wart has been covered with a non-porous tape to help the Cantharone Plus® penetrate. **REMOVE TAPE AFTER 4 HOURS. IF YOU SEE SIGNS OF INFECTION, SUCH AS SWELLING, REDNESS, OR ESPECIALLY RED STREAKS, CALL YOUR DOCTOR.** Remove tape with mineral oil and then rinse with mild cleanser and water. It is alright to shower. After you dry off, protect the area with a loose bandage. Vaseline or Aquaphor can be applied to irritated or itchy lesions. Your provider may also suggest daily soaks in cool water for 10-15 minutes.

RE-EXAMINATION/RE-TREATMENT

Most people are cured after several treatments, depending on the size and number of warts. In some cases, an "annular wart" may occur after treatment and the wart will actually spread a little. This "annular wart" is rare, and not a cause for concern. Let your provider know if this occurs. The entire wart must be destroyed or it will grow back.