

AFTERCARE INSTRUCTIONS FOR CANTHARIDIN WART TREATMENT

1. Remove dressing in 3 day and wash the area thoroughly with soap and water. It is normal to experience pain, burning, or discomfort with Cantharidin treatment.
2. Expect blistering within 24 hours. The day after treatment blister(s) may enlarge and fill with fluid and be painful. Use a cool compress and/or oral pain medications (acetaminophen or ibuprofen) as needed to control pain. DO NOT POP THE BLISTER on purpose. It is OK if the blister pops on its own. If necessary, make a small hole in the blister using a sterile needle (can dip a pin or seeing needle in rubbing alcohol and wipe dry) and squeeze the fluid out by gently pressing on the blister with clean hands.
3. Next, there are usually crusted lesions which fall off revealing superficial erosions within 4-5 days.
4. Treat superficial erosions with Vaseline or Neosporin twice a day until healing occurs. Most people heal within 5-10 days of treatment.
5. After skin healing has occurred, apply OTC salicylic acid 17% (Compound W or other brand) to the base of the lesion(s) one time a day for 5-7 days as tolerated in order to prevent wart recurrences around the treatment edges.
6. The treated area may also itch or look red after treatment. Call the office if this is bothersome or if there is still significant burning, stinging or pain after the blister is popped.
7. IT IS RARE, but anyone can have a severe allergic reaction to any medicine. If you experience hives, swelling of the face, or shortness of breath, please go to the ER.