



## **After-Care Instructions for Molluscum and Warts (Treated with Cantharidin)**

You or your child has been treated with preparation containing Cantharidin, a medication used to treat molluscum contagiosum and warts. This medicine may create a blister at the site(s) treated. This is a **NORMAL** reaction. However, the medicine is still working even if you do not get a blister.

*If you have been treated for molluscum, you need to wash off the medicine 4-6 hours after application unless instructed otherwise by your provider. Please do not get the site wet before 4-6 hours unless your provider has instructed you differently. Also, consider scheduling follow up appointments for children before 3PM so that the medication may remain for 4-6 hours before being washed off at bedtime.*

*If you have been treated for a wart, the medical assistant has covered the site. You will need to keep this site dry and covered for 24 hours after application in our office, unless your provider has instructed you differently.*

Occasionally the site(s) may become tender or painful. Often this discomfort is a result of the blister created by the treatment. You may use a clean/sterile needle to puncture the blister and drain the fluid. This usually helps to reduce the discomfort. Please do not remove skin covering the blister. The skin helps to keep the site clean. You may also take Tylenol (acetaminophen) or Advil (ibuprofen) for pain if these medications are safe for you to take.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

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