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Canthacur PS 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, be inflamed, and itch. Your physician will recommend appropriate medication if necessary.

TREATMENT PROGRESSION (WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT)

• As a general rule, you can expect the following:

4 hours: Mild discomfort may occur; control with bathing and medication

24 hours: Blistering usually formed within 24 hours

4 days: Crusted blisters fall off leaving superficial erosions.
Medication may be needed to control nighttime 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 penetrate. Keep the tape on overnight unless irritation is severe. Tape should be on a minimum of 4 hours. IF YOU SEE SIGNS OF INFECTION, SWELLING, REDNESS-ESPECIALLY RED STREAKS, CALL YOUR DOCTOR. After removing the tape, uou may wash the area with a mild antibacterial soap and water. It is alright to shower. After you dry off, protect the area with a loose band-aid. Your doctor may suggest daily soaks in cool water for 10-15 minutes.

RE-EXAMINATION/RE-TREATMENT

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

If you have any questions or concerns about your post-canthrone recovery, give the office a call at: **631-669-5440 or 516-938-6000**