

**Cantharone and Cantharone Plus Wart Removers
For Dermatology Patients**

How Cantharone and Cantharone Plus work

Within 24 hours after the drug is put on the wart, a blister forms under the wart. Sometimes, there may be some blood in the blister fluid. Don't be alarmed at this. The blister may be painful, red, and itch. The area may have watery drainage, redness, and puffiness for 24 hours.

What you can expect

As a rule, you can expect:

- 4 hours: Mild discomfort may occur; control with bathing and medicine (Tylenol[®] or ibuprofen, as instructed on the package).
- 4 – 24 hours: Blister may develop.
- 4 days: Crusted blisters fall off leaving shallow holes. Open sores should be washed every day. Bacitracin[®] or Polysporin[®] and a Band-Aid[®] should be put on the sores.
- 7 – 14 days: Healed with some inflammation or redness still there. It will go away on its own. Any warts that remain will be treated again by your doctor at your next visit. Your skin may lose its color at that spot for a short time, but the treatment will not leave a scar, unless it becomes infected or traumatized.

Information about warts

Warts are skin growths caused by viruses. Warts can grow on any part of the body. What they look like depends on where they are. Although they don't spread easily, wart viruses can be passed to others by contact with another person. Wart viruses can also be spread in such places as locker rooms and public showers by indirect contact. They can also spread on the same person by picking, scratching, etc. Warts are sometimes easy to live with, but they look bad and are painful, especially on the feet. Warts may bleed if they are injured.

You were treated with Cantharone (regular) or Cantharone Plus

Next appointment date _____

Additional instructions:

If you have any questions or concerns call the Dermatology Clinic where you were seen.

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