

# Southside Dermatology

## PATIENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR WARTS TREATED WITH CANTHARADIN

Your wart has just been treated with cantharadin, a blistering agent, which will cause the wart to blister off, leaving normal skin underneath.

All wart treatments have risks. For cantharadin treatment, these risks include blister formation, scarring, infection, recurrence of the wart, and formation of a ring of warts at the edges of the blister.

Most warts will require several treatments to be cured.

### **Please follow these instructions:**

- 1.) If tape has been placed over the treated site, leave this in place and keep the area dry for the length of time specified by the doctor, which is \_\_\_\_\_ hours. After \_\_\_\_\_ hours, remove the tape and wash the area gently with soap and water. If pain develops prior to suggested time limit, wash it off sooner.
- 2.) A blister will form. If it becomes uncomfortable, you may drain it with a sterile needle. Keep it covered with a Band-Aid if you wish.
- 3.) Some redness and swelling is expected. However, watch for any signs of infection such as pus, red streaks, excessive redness, swelling or fever. Call our office if you notice signs of infection, or if you have any concerns regarding your treatment.
- 4.) For pain, it is okay to take Tylenol, aspirin or ibuprofen.
- 5.) Call our office if you have any concerns regarding your treatment and please keep your next appointment.