



Wart Removal

While most warts go away on their own without treatment, sometimes removal by one of the Littleton Pediatric Medical Center physicians is necessary.

What are skin warts in children?

Warts on the skin are harmless growths. They are caused by a virus. Warts can spread to other parts of the body and to other people.

When should I call my child's pediatrician?

Call your child's pediatrician if your child has warts that:

- Are painful
- Cause problems with normal activities
- Are embarrassing

How are warts treated?

Warts can be treated with over-the-counter medicines or other treatments may be prescribed by your child's pediatrician. In office treatment often includes cryotherapy.

What is cryotherapy?

Cryotherapy is a treatment where the physician applies extreme cold (liquid nitrogen) to freeze and destroy the abnormal wart tissue.

How should I prepare for cryotherapy?

Most people don't need to do anything special to prepare for cryotherapy on the skin.

What should I expect during cryotherapy?

Your child's physician will apply the liquid nitrogen with a spraying device or cotton swab directly to the affected area.

What should I expect after cryotherapy?

The treated area will turn red and possibly blister after treatment. Any mild pain should be gone after about three days. The treated area will form a scab, which usually heals in one to three weeks.



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