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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR CARE OF WARTS
AFTER BLISTERING AGENTS**

Your wart (or warts) has (have) been treated with a blistering agent. This produces a localized blister around the wart. The effects which the treatment produces are usually seen between 2-24 hours.

For liquid nitrogen, the pain and burning sensation which follows the actual freezing usually lasts only 20-30 minutes and will be accompanied by redness of the area. Once this pain has stopped, you will probably have no further pain. The area may be tender for several days, especially if the wart is located on the sole of the foot.

For other blistering agents, it is not uncommon to have large blisters appear within several hours. Depending upon the location, you may have mild to severe pain. Please call if you have severe pain. Puncturing and draining the blisters often resolve the pain.

Directions:

1. Within 24 hours after treatment, a blister should form in the treated area. This will probably be a deep blister with a thick cover and may not resemble the type of blister you are accustomed to seeing, such as from a burn. The blister may be a bloody blister (ref to purple in color). You should not be concerned about this.
2. Leave the blister alone for the first 2 days. If it is very painful, you may puncture the blister with a needle which has been wiped with alcohol (do not put the needle through a flame).
3. 3-4 days after treatment, you should puncture the blister and remove the blister roof. Then cover the sore with neosporin, polysporin ointment, or triple antibiotic ointment (you can obtain this at a pharmacy without a prescription) and a Band-Aid, and change it daily until it is healed.
4. At any sign of infection such as marked redness, swelling or discharge of puss from the area, call the office for instructions.