

INFORMATION LEAFLETS FOR PARENTS / CARERS OF A CHILD REQUIRING CRYOTHERAPY

The Treatment of Warts with Cryotherapy



Your warts or verruca have been treated with liquid nitrogen. This is an extremely cold gas.

Side effects of treatment

- The area may feel sore both at the time of treatment and for a variable time afterwards.
- Swelling and redness is a normal immediate response and usually settles down in a day or two.
- Blistering is also a common consequence of cryotherapy and blisters settle after a few days as the scab forms.
- If blister is very large and becomes painful contact the dermatology team at (01) 4282541 or your G.P.
- The treated wart usually peels off or comes off with the top of the blister.
- More than one treatment may be required for clearance. If wart has not cleared in two weeks it is advisable to return for further treatment. Please contact the dermatology department to arrange this.

Subsequent side effects

- Scarring is a rare occurrence.
- Pigmented changes: the skin at and around the treatment site may lighten or darken in colour, especially in dark skinned people. This improves with time but may be permanent.
- Treatment may not be effective, or the condition may reoccur.

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