

INFORMATION LEAFLETS FOR PARENTS / CARERS OF A CHILD

TREATMENT OF WARTS / VERRUCAE



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Topical products containing <u>50% Salicylic Acid</u> is recommended to treat warts or verrucae at home. These work by removing the dead surface skin cells.

Preparations containing this are commonly known as:

Pickles ointment® or Verrugon ®

Treatment with these products usually makes the wart smaller and less uncomfortable; 70% of warts resolve within twelve weeks of daily applications.

They are available in pharmacies - no prescription is required.

Application:

- 1. Apply at night time
- 2. Firstly soften the wart by soaking in a bath or bowl of hot soapy water.
- 3. Pare the wart/verruca with an emery board or a pumice stone
- 4. Protect surrounding normal skin and nails with Vaseline.
- 5. Apply product directly with a cotton bud to the affected area.
- 6. Cover with a band aid overnight.
- 7. Remove in the morning
- 8. This can be applied initially for 3 nights and if tolerated can be used every night.
- 9. Do not apply immediately after a hospital treatment to allow blistering resolve. If your child is also receiving wart treatment by GP/ hospital do not apply a few nights before appointment.
- 10. If the wart becomes too sore, stop treatment for a few days and then resume.





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