



Texas Children's Hospital



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Dermatology Service
PCP Referral Guidelines- Warts**

Diagnosis/symptom: **WART TREATMENT**

Referring provider's initial evaluation and management should include:

PCPs should initiate treatment for cases of warts, common virally induced lesions for 3-6 months.

Topical Treatments include:

- Duct tape occlusion
- Salicylic acid 17% soln (OTC)
- Imiquimod (Aldara)
(apply Aldara, followed by sal. acid, followed by duct tape at bedtime)
(begin treatment three nights weekly and increase to nightly as tolerated)

*Combination therapy is inappropriate for the face and diaper area. In these locations, consider Imiquimod or Retin A 3x a week. Observation alone generally recommended for lesions close to the eye.

- Tretinoin (Retin A)
(appropriate for multiple warts/especially flat warts, as can be applied over entire affected area)
- Weekly warm water soaks with pumice stone abrasions

Other topical treatments based on expertise of PCP:

(destructive treatments below are most appropriate for limited number of smaller warts (<3-4mm) in older children. Often follow with Aldara/sal. acid/duct tape to reduce risk of recurrence and treat recurrent lesions while still small)

- Liquid nitrogen

Cantharidin (see Molluscum guidelines)