

## Wart Treatment: Bleomycin

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Bleomycin is a drug developed in Japan which inactivates wart virus. For the treatment of warts, it is given in a very small dose which has proven extremely safe. It is injected directly into the wart(s), so concentration of the drug is very localized and very little is absorbed into the system.

Bleomycin is not always 100 percent effective, but in most cases, it will eliminate warts.

### What to expect:

After the injection, you may not see much change initially, other than general redness and swelling. In a few days, the wart may turn black, which indicates the virus is dying.

You will generally experience very little pain, but if it becomes uncomfortable, you can soak it in warm saltwater for 30 minutes to relieve the pain. You can also take aspirin. You should cover the area with a loose bandage.

### After treatment is complete:

Bear in mind that warts are infections caused by viruses. These viruses can be present in your skin for 4-6 months before a wart appears. So even after successful treatment of warts that have erupted, you should watch for new warts to appear, either near the treated area or elsewhere on the skin. If you see new warts, get them treated early before the virus has a chance to spread again.

Always remember not to pick at or rub warts, as this tends to spread the infection.

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