

Wart Treatment: Topical Acid

For effective treatment of warts with a mild acid mixture, it is important to follow treatment instructions exactly.

The medication prescribed for you by Family Dermatology will have been specifically formulated for your particular wart(s). Keep the container closed tightly between uses to prevent the mixture from thickening or drying. Keep it out of the reach of children.

Apply the liquid once per day. You may need to experiment to determine exactly how much to use. Start with a very small amount and increase as needed. Try not to get it on the surrounding healthy skin.

After application, the liquid will dry to a thin white film which may rub off. Do not be concerned – by the time it has dried, the active ingredients will have penetrated the skin.

After 24 hours, scrape away a little of the surface of the wart, using either a sharp knife or a single-edged razor blade. *Scrape, don't cut!* Then reapply the liquid mixture.

If the wart becomes cracked and sore or the surrounding area becomes irritated, stop treatment for a few days, then resume.

Continue treatment until you can see the normal skin lines or fingerprint marks in the area where the wart was. If the area is flat and has no skin markings, part of the wart is probably still present.

Over time, this treatment will gradually increase your immunity to the virus that caused the wart. This may take quite a while, but when it happens, all your warts may disappear at once.

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