Please tell your doctor/nurse if your child experiences any side effects.

**Follow-up**
Return in two weeks for review and further treatment. If some warts persist after 6 treatments there will be a review by the dermatology medical team.

**Remember:** Ask your nurse if you are unsure about anything about your child's care.

**Additional instructions**

For more information please contact dermatology team at 4282646 in Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin, Dublin.

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Information for Teachers
Carers of a child treated with

Cantharidin (Cantharone and Cantharone Plus)
This information leaflet explains the topical liquid treatment Cantharone and Cantharone Plus applied in the Dermatology Department

- Cantharone® treats warts or smaller lesions called molluscum.
- Cantharone® Plus treats larger warts. It forms a blister underneath the wart and destroys the lesion.
- Cantharone® and Cantherone® can cause blistering.

**Treatment of Molluscum or Small Warts**

- Cantharone is applied to all lesions.
- Allow to dry before leaving the department.
- **At home wash off with soap and water after 4 hours.**

**Molluscum:** will change in appearance, it may become raised and red. This usually takes place over the next few weeks. An appointment may be made in 4-6 weeks to see if further treatment is required.

**Small Warts:** Blistering may occur following treatment, if it does occur simply follow the instructions in the section on home care. Treatment is given every 2 weeks. A plaster called sleek will be placed over the warts as an airtight cover is more effective.

**Treatment of stubborn small warts/Large Warts or Verrucae**

- Warts or verrucae are usually pared prior to treatment. Cantharone® Plus is then applied.
- It is then covered with an airtight plaster called sleek in the department.
- At the end of 4-6 hour period, remove the airtight tape (sleek) and wash the solution off with soap and water. Remove sooner if the child complains of burning or discomfort.
- If the tape is difficult to remove soak
- Wash own hands after removal of solution.
- If there is pain, administer medicine for pain and/or soak the area in cold water for 10 minutes.

A blister may form 24 hours after treatment which often causes pain or discomfort. If blister is large you can drain with a sterile needle and keep clean with a bandaid.

**Figure 1.** Blistering of warts following treatment

**Figure 2.** Blistering of a verruca

- After 4 days crusted blisters fall off leaving superficial erosions.
- After 7 days blister heals with slight redness around the area.
- If you see signs of infection: redness, swelling or red streaks beyond the immediate area of the wart, contact the dermatology team or GP if out of hours.
- Occasionally bleeding into the blister can occur giving it a black colour.
- New lesions or ‘ring like’ lesions can develop on or beside the wart.