Mediplast - 40% salicylic acid plaster to warts

Advantages:
- Convenient - may be applied by patient at home
- Minimal to no discomfort
- Inexpensive
- Easy to use
- Safe

Disadvantages:
- Skin irritation possible
- Requires self-application
- Depending on location, adherence difficulty
- Cosmetic appearance of pad

Duct tape - duct tape applied to wart(s)

Advantages:
- Convenient - may be applied by patient at home
- Minimal to no discomfort
- Inexpensive
- Easy to use
- Safe

Disadvantages:
- Skin irritation possible
- Requires self-application
- Cosmetic appearance of duct tape

Cryotherapy - freezing warts with liquid nitrogen

Advantages:
- Patient not required to apply any treatment
- Less frequent “treatments”

Disadvantages:
- Pain possible, both during and after treatment
- Scarring and infection possible
- Requires multiple office visits

If you are a registered University of Illinois student and you have questions or concerns, or need to make an appointment, please call: Dial-A-Nurse at 333-2700

If you are concerned about any difference in your treatment plan and the information in this handout, you are advised to contact your health care provider.

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