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Salicylic Acid treatment for warts

1. Salicylic acid is available as a paint, cream, plaster, tape, or patch that you put on the wart. Brand names include Duofilm, Compound W, Dr. Scholl's. Your doctor may also prescribe a product.
2. Before applying salicylic acid, soak the wart in water to help loosen and soften skin. This helps the medicine penetrate the skin more easily.
3. Apply salicylic acid to the wart when you go to bed. Cover the area with a bandage or sock, and wash off the medicine the next evening.
4. Avoid getting salicylic acid on your unaffected skin. Salicylic acid should touch only the wart.
5. With repeated application, salicylic acid causes the wart tissue to become soft so that it can be rubbed off easily.
6. Remove dead tissue daily or once or twice a week with careful use of a file or pumice stone or as instructed on the medicine package. Dead tissue contains living wart virus, so dispose of the dead skin carefully. The pumice stone or file will also have living wart virus on it. Don't use the file or pumice stone for any other purpose, or you may spread the virus.
7. If treatment causes the area to become too tender, stop the medicine for 2 to 3 days.
8. Salicylic acid may take weeks to months to cure a wart.
9. If you doing treatment along with in-office cryotherapy, make sure to schedule a follow up appointment two weeks after first treatment