

Warts – Chemical Treatment (Cantharone)

Warts are caused by a virus that lives in the top layers of the skin. After Cantharone is applied in our office, a blister will usually form over the treated area — this is expected and part of the healing process.

On the Day of Treatment (Initial Day)

After 6 hours from the time of application:

- Remove the bandage.
- Gently rinse the area with soap and water (no scrubbing).
- If you have significant pain before 6 hours, you may remove the bandage early and wash the area.

Daily Care (Starting the Next Day)

- Keep a clean bandaid on the wart(s) at all times.
- Shower and wash the foot normally.
- Replace the bandaid after your shower.

What to Expect

- Week 1: Tenderness or pain is common — use Advil/Tylenol and rest as needed.
- Week 2: Colour changes (the area often turns red, then dark/black).
- Week 3: The treated lesion begins to dry out.

Return to clinic for follow up after this stage

Precautions

- Do NOT peel the blister or scab.
- Avoid walking barefoot in public areas.
- No swimming until healed.
- Warts can be stubborn — multiple treatments or additional medications may be needed.