



DPCP Application to Warts

DPCP (Diphenylcyclopropenone) is a topical medication used for treating warts. DPCP acts as a local allergen, triggering an immune response. A sensitization dose will be applied to your upper inner arm to start the stimulation of your immune system. Leave the patch test in place anywhere from 3 hours for up to 2 days (average 6-8 hours). The bandage may be removed once redness, early blistering (or bumps), and intense itching is noted. You may have been given a topical corticosteroid at your visit to aid in calming down the reaction of the site.

After one week, you can begin treating your warts with DPCP. Apply clear fingernail polish on "good" skin surrounding wart to be treated. Begin DPCP medication every 2-3 nights to the selected wart/s. Apply the medication to wart with a flat tipped toothpick, wooden Q-tip stick (cut in half, use stick portion), or similar object. Apply the medication sparingly to the center of the wart to be treated. Avoid the normal surrounding skin. Cover with duct tape and leave on overnight. Remove tape and wash area with soap in the morning. No coverage during the day is needed. If the treated wart is on your hand, be cautious if needing to go to the bathroom during the night to avoid spread of medicine to the genital area.

Start by treating warts every other night and increase to nightly if there is no excessive irritation. Remember, the goal is to maintain a persistent but low-grade reaction (pink/red skin reaction) at every treatment site. If excessive reaction/blister occurs, stop therapy until it resolves. Topical steroids may be used to decrease irritation. When able, restart every 2-3 nights and proceed as tolerated. If every third night application consistently produces excessive reaction, call the office to discuss. This may indicate a need to dilute the concentration of DPCP.

If a rash appears in an area other than that being treated, this may mean that the DPCP is inadvertently being transferred to areas not intended for treatment. Call the office if this occurs.

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