

MOLLUSCUM CONTAGIOSUM

Cantharidin should be washed off in	hours

- Cantharidin is a blistering agent that is used to help treat Molluscum.
- Wash off with mild soap and warm water using your fingertips, a washcloth may be too irritating.
- Small blisters will form where the Cantharidin was applied; this is normal. To help the skin heal you can apply a topical ointment such as: **Polysporin, Vaseline, or Aquaphor** 2-3 times daily to help the skin heal.
 - DO NOT USE NEOSPORIN!
- Keep the treated areas covered with Band-aids to help refrain from picking.
- Picking or manipulating the lesions will cause trauma to the area and can lead to scarring.
- Avoid shaving in any area where the Molluscum is present, this can cause the lesions to spread.

OTC Cream Treatment

- Apply a thick coat of OTC Cerave <u>cream</u> or Cetaphil <u>cream</u> (not lotion) at night to the area involved.
 - The cream should be as thick as icing on a cake!
- If possible, and safe, wrap the area with saran wrap. Remove in the AM and repeat nightly.

Please contact the office if you have any questions or concerns.

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