

WHAT TO EXPECT AFTER CRYOSURGERY

- Licensed professionals use freezing agents to destroy warts and a variety of other skin growths.
- Most patients experience little or no pain from this treatment, but if you do, please consult with your physician about medications that could be helpful (aspirin—adults only, ibuprofen or acetaminophen).
- Within a few hours or days after a successful treatment, the area may blister, turn a dark brown or black, or form a scab. This is a normal and desirable result.
- If a large blister becomes present, your physician may drain the blister to relieve pain or discomfort.
- If a scab or crust forms, it is recommended that you not pick, pull or irritate the scab. The scab will fall off as the treated area heals.
- It will take approximately 7-14 days for the scab to fall off, depending on location of treated area, size of lesion, type of lesion treated, and your body's healing ability.
- It is ok to shower, but try to keep the treated area as dry as possible.

- No bandage is necessary but may be used to protect the healing area from injury or irritation.
- Once the scab has sloughed, the underlying skin may be red, sensitive, or even itch as it heals.
- Do not bandage, irritate, or apply any medications to the treatment site after the scab falls off.
- Normal skin color should return over a few weeks or months.
- Contact your physician if you have any concerns or questions.

Physician Name:

Contact Number:

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