

DPCP Application to Warts

DPCP (Diphenylcyclopropenone) is a topically administered drug used for treating warts. DPCP acts as a local irritant, triggering a local sensitization that triggers an immune response. A patch test will be applied to your upper inner arm to start the stimulation of your immune system. Leave the patch test in place anywhere from 3-6 hours for up to 2 days. The patch test may be removed once redness, early blistering (or bumps), and intense itching is noted. You will be given a topical corticosteroid at your doctor visit to aid in calming down the reaction of the test site. At this time, you may choose to begin treating your warts with DPCP.

Apply clear fingernail polish on "good" skin surrounding wart to be treated. Begin DPCP medication every third night with just one wart. Apply medication with the bottle very close to the wart to be treated. Carry medication to wart with a Q-tip applicator, touch top of wart applying the medication sparingly, cover with duct tape or Band-Aid and leave on overnight. Remove tape and wash area 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 chemical to the genital area.

If after a 2 or 3 applications there is no excessive irritation is seen with the every third night application to the single wart, begin to treat all warts. Increase frequency as tolerated to every other night, and again if tolerated, increase to nightly applications. Remember, the goal is to maintain a persistent but low-grade reaction at every treatment site.

If excessive reaction occurs, stop therapy until excessive reaction resolves. Then restart every third night and process as instructed above.

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.

Your physician will evaluate you in two to three weeks after starting this treatment.

Please contact Dr. Aziz Pharmacy to arrange delivery/pickup of your medication, \$36 fee.

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