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What is the treatment?

Treatments remove the warts but they will not get rid of the virus from the skin. Warts are treated by applying a special paint or cream to the lumps. This makes them shrink. The warts can grow back after they were cured with the first treatment. The doctor will discuss which treatment is most suitable for you.

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What are genital warts?

Genital warts are lumps on your anus or genitals caused by infection with Human Papillomavirus (HPV). HPV is very common and many people carry the virus without knowing it. The lumps have a warty appearance.

How do I know if I have genital wart virus infection?

Warts only develop in 10-15% of people who have HPV infection. If you do not have lumps, there is no easy way of knowing you have the infection. The lumps can be in the groove on the head of your penis, along the penis shaft, or around or in your anus.

Having sex with someone with HPV can transmit the infection.



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How do you get genital warts?

HPV infection occurs in the anus and genital skin of someone who has the infection. Having sex with someone with HPV can transmit the infection. If you are going to develop lumps, they might come up three weeks to 12 months. The lumps may never appear.

What else should I know?

- The virus can be anywhere in the genital or anal area; therefore condoms may not completely stop transmission of the virus during sexual contact. Condom use is, however, still recommended.
- After wart treatment, you should keep the area clean and dry by bathing in salty water and drying the area.
- Stop smoking since it may allow HPV to be transmitted easier.
- Use a condom.
- HPV infection can also cause cancer of the anal and penile skin