

Imiquimod

Patient Information

- Imiquimod is a cream which is very effective at treating genital warts. It is also a treatment used by dermatology to treat actinic keratosis, a sun related skin condition. This is not why you have been given this treatment. Unless told otherwise, you have been given this cream to treat genital warts.
- This information in this leaflet should be read in conjunction with the Patient Information Leaflet provided by the product manufacturer
- The cream should not be used if pregnant and pregnancy should be avoided while using the cream.
- Imiquimod can be irritant to the skin so should only be used as explained by your doctor or nurse, which is as follows:
 - ◆ Start the cream on a night which suits you best. However, if your clinician used cryotherapy in clinic (froze the warts with a cold spray), wait one week before you start using the cream.
 - ◆ Apply a small amount to the wart directly at night and rub it in until it disappears. Avoid putting it on normal skin around the wart. You only need to use a small amount and may not need the whole sachet. Wash your hands with soap and water before and after use. Dispose of any cream left in the sachet after use. Do not save the opened sachet for use at a later date
 - ◆ The cream may damage condoms or diaphragms, and may irritate your partner's skin, so do not use the cream before sex.
 - ◆ Leave the cream on for 6-10hours, do not shower or bath in this time.
 - ◆ Wash the area where the cream was applied in the morning (6-10hours later) with mild soap and water.
 - ◆ Use the cream on alternate nights, three times per week e.g. Monday, Wednesday, Friday or Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday.
 - ◆ Stop using the cream once the warts have gone.
 - ◆ Use the cream until the warts have gone or for a maximum of two months . If they haven't gone by this time come back to clinic for review.
 - ◆ Some people may get slight redness or itching of the skin from using the cream. If you experience soreness, blistering or breakdown of the skin, stop using the cream immediately and contact clinic on 01422 261370.

- ◆ While using the cream, do not smoke or go near naked flames - risk of severe burns. Fabric (clothing, bedding, dressings etc.) that has been in contact with this product burns more easily and can be a serious fire hazard.
- ◆ Avoid contact with eyes, lips and nostrils
- ◆ Refrain from sexual intercourse or sexual contact whilst cream is on the genital area. Imiquimod will damage condoms and diaphragms

Example of days to use the cream

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	X

If you have any comments about this leaflet or the service you have received you can contact :

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If you would like this information in another format or language contact the above.

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