

BLEOMYCIN

PATIENT INFORMATION & INSTRUCTIONS

WHAT IS BLEOMYCIN

Bleomycin is an antitumor antibiotic medication, meaning it was originally developed to combat cancer cells. However, its unique properties have shown effectiveness in treating warts as well. It works by disrupting the rapid growth of abnormal cells, including those that make up warts. By precisely injecting bleomycin directly into the wart, this targeted approach aims to:

- **Disrupt wart cell growth:** Bleomycin interferes with the DNA replication process within wart cells, hindering their ability to multiply and spread.
- **Trigger cell death:** The disrupted DNA replication within wart cells can lead to their programmed death, ultimately shrinking and eliminating the wart.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Your dermatologist will clean the site and inject an anti-cancer drug into the wart. It should take only a few minutes. Brief, pinpoint bleeding may occur. Bleomycin injection does not require pretreatment preparations.

AFTERCARE

Rarely, patients experience wart bleeding at home. If this happens, you may dress up the site with clean gauze and elevate the affected body part. Keep the area clean and dry. Call your doctor for persistent bleeding, signs of infection, severe pain or intolerable allergic reactions.

Bleomycin injections require no downtime. You may proceed with your normal activities after the session.

Bleomycin responses vary, but most patients require at least 4 sessions spaced 3-4 weeks apart. Drying up of the wart indicates that the treatment is effective.

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