

TABLE 1. Some Common Treatment Modalities of Cutaneous Warts

Agent (U.S. commercial preparations)	Usual Formulation and Regimen	Wart Type*	Complete Response Rate [†] (%)	References
Salicylic acid salicylic acid 17%:lactic acid:collodion 1:1:4 (e.g., Duofilm, Occlusal- HP, Wart-Off)	daily for up to 12 weeks	HW single PW MW	67% 84% 50%	(35) (35) (134)
Fixatives formaldehyde 3% glutaraldehyde	daily (bedtime) daily	PW MW	94% 47%	(34) (35)
Bleomycin	1 mg/ml solution, 0.1-0.2 ml/wart, intralesional, x1 0.7% solution,	HW MW PW	-70% -55% -90%	(44, 45) (45, 43) (41, 39, 37)
Cantharidine (Cantharone, Verr-Canth)	topical, x1	CW	87%	(53)
Podophyllin (Podocon-25 or Podofin)	podophyllin 15%, qd	single PW	81%	(95)
5-fluorouracil (5-FU) (Effudex cream 5%)	2% 5-FU in propylene glycol, once daily 5% 5-FU in dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO), once daily	MW MW	47% 53%	(134) (134)
Cryotherapy	every 3 weeks, up to x6	CW HW PW	41-45% -75% 29-50%	(203) (35) (203)
Electrosurgery	x1	PW	65%	(95)
CO ₂ laser surgery	x1	CW periungual PW	32% 71% 50-90%	(251) (254) (421, 252, 253)

* CW: cutaneous warts; HW: hand warts; PW: plantar warts; MW: mosaic warts

† These rates are derived from the referenced studies. Because of great dissimilarities between the studies and the usual absence of controls, these rates are not necessarily comparable, and are provided for indication only.