

TABLE 2. Common Treatment Modalities of Anogenital Warts

Agent (U.S. commercial preparations)	Usual Formulation and Regimen	Complete Response Rate* (%)	Relapse Rate* (%)	Selected References
Imiquimod (Aldara, box of 12 single-use 250 mg packets)	5% cream; self-applied, tiw, qod hs, # 16wk	48	9, 23 [†]	(63)
Podophyllin (Podophyllum USP; Podocon-25 or Podofin; 15 ml bottles)	25% in benzoin solution; qwk up to x6	35-51	60-85	(94, 112, 422)
Podofilox (Condylox; 3.5 ml bottle with cotton-tipped applicators)	0.5% solution; self-applied; bid x3 d	57-72	32-50	(87, 97, 98, 100, 423)
Trichloroacetic acid (Bichloroacetic acid 80%, 10 ml bottle; Tri-Chlor 80%; 15 ml bottle)	50%-90% solution; q wk up to x6	64-83	55	(29, 30)
5-fluorouracil (Effudex cream; 25 g tube)	5% cream; highly variable regimens	43-58	-	(122-125, 128, 131)
Intralesional interferon α_{2b} or α_3 (Intron A, Alteron N)	1 MU; tiw x3-8 weeks; from 1 to all lesions injected	40-52	18-37	(157-161)
Cold blade surgery	scissor excision	87-94	20-31	(93, 94, 194, 424-426)
Cryotherapy	liquid nitrogen spray; 1 or 2 cycles qwk up to x6	64-76	19-40	(29, 30, 92, 427)
Electrosurgery	variable techniques (e.g., electrocoagulation, electrocautery, fulguration,...)	58-94	22	(92, 227)
CO ₂ laser surgery	variable techniques	93-99	49-65 ^{††}	(164, 178, 180, 183)

Abbreviations: qwk, once a week; d, day; bid, twice a day; tiw, thrice weekly; MU, million units.

* These numbers represent the 95% confidence limits, whenever appropriate, derived from the results of the selected studies.

[†] At 3 and 6 month follow-up, respectively.

^{††} Based on randomized, comparative studies.