

## Management

### Primary Care management includes

- A policy of no treatment is generally recommended.
- Consider treatment if the warts are causing embarrassment or are painful.
- Topical salicylic acid is recommended if treatment is appropriate.
- Cryotherapy is often used when topical treatments have failed. Little evidence exists regarding its efficacy, and at its best it is equal in efficacy to topical salicylic acid.
- Children with plantar warts should not be barred from swimming. Some swimming pools and schools insist the warts are covered with plastic socks or waterproof plasters.

## When to refer

### Urgent out-patient referral [liaise with specialist and copy to CAS]

- Rarely appropriate unless there is doubt as to the diagnosis and symptoms are severe.

### Refer to CAS

- People with recalcitrant or multiple warts: referral to a dermatologist may be warranted
- Immunosuppressed patients with multiple warts
- Where there is doubt about the diagnosis.

### Refer to RARC

- if the patient does not meet the referral criteria above consider referral to CAS requesting a RARC appointment.