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### Anal Warts (Condyloma)

Condyloma accuminata also known as “warts”, are skin growths that can be found around the anus, genitals and other areas in the body.

Condyloma is caused by the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV), which is usually transmitted by sexual contact, but not necessarily through anal intercourse. The warts are highly contagious. The time of exposure to growth can be up to 6 months.

Many patients have no symptoms but minor bleeding, itching and sensation of mass are common.

There are many ways anal warts can be treated, depending on number, size and location. If they are small in size and number, an office treatment with acid can be enough. Follow up creams may be necessary. When the warts are large and multiple, cauterization under anesthesia may be necessary in the hospital.

A single treatment is not enough. Close monitoring is critical because the virus may continue to be present. Follow up visits for several months and close attention may be necessary to avoid recurrence and prevent the possible transformation to a cancerous condition.

Other conditions may present or be associated with anal condyloma. Consult your doctor for a check up to confirm the diagnosis and discuss prevention.

Even though these conditions are usually minor, they are best treated by a Board Certified Colon and Rectal Surgeon, an expert in this field.

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