Wart Treatment Algorithm Clinic 275

Soft/moist/non-keratinised

- PDX solution/cream

- Review at 4 weeks

Nil or poor response
1. Change to cryotherapy or
2. Change to imiquimod or
3. Electrocautery or
4. Refer for surgery

Good response
1. Consider imiquimod
2. If on imiquimod may continue up to 16 weeks
3. Refer to specialist

- Review at 4 weeks

If clear discharge

Dry/keratinised or both moist and dry

- Cryotherapy
- Liquid nitrogen

- Review at 4 weeks

Nil or poor response
1. Change to PDX or
2. Change to imiquimod or
3. Electrocautery or
4. Refer for surgery

Good response
1. Continue on present treatment

- Review at 4 weeks

If clear discharge

Non Clearance
- Consider imiquimod
- If on imiquimod may continue up to 16 weeks
- Refer to specialist

IMPORTANT
- Pregnancy – cryotherapy first line
- Immunodeficiency – consider imiquimod
- Perianal/anal/rectal – consider imiquimod peri and intra anal application and surgery
- Patient choice – clinic or home based treatment
- Recurrence – if successful treatment in previous episode then refer to algorithm. If previous therapy failure give imiquimod

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