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- Cryotherapy for Warts and/or Molluscum.

Freezing agents are commonly used to treat warts and other skin growths, which are readily destroyed by the freezing action; within a few days after treatment, the treated area may blister, turn black or form a scab; that is a desirable result.

During the healing period, do not pull off or irritate the scab because it will fall off naturally after healing, but keep in mind that it may take several days to weeks for the scab to fall; it all depends on the size of the lesion, the type of lesion, the location of the lesion and your body's healing ability.

The underlying skin may turn red or become sensitive to temperature and touch and it will possibly itch as it heals, the normal skin color will return after several weeks or months.

Most patients experience little or no pain with this treatment, but Tylenol or Ibuprofen may be used as needed for pain; sometimes the physician may drain a blister to relieve any pain.

The frozen area should be kept dry, however you may shower or it may be soaked with warm water; there is no need to bandage or to apply any medications to the treated area, but you must protect the treated area from injury at all times.

Call Dr. Quintanilla if fever, bleeding, excessive pain or swelling and inflammation develop.