



AFTERCARE INSTRUCTIONS FOR CANTHARIDIN

- Remove bandage and wash the cantharidin off thoroughly with soap and water no longer than 24 HOURS after it was applied in the office. Wash sooner if instructed or if there is pain, burning, or discomfort.
- Expect blistering within 24 hours. The day after treatment blister may enlarge and fill with fluid and be painful. Use a cool compress and/or oral pain medications (acetaminophen or ibuprofen) as needed to control pain.
- DO NOT REMOVE THE BLISTER on purpose. If necessary, make a small hole in the blister using a sterile needle and squeeze the fluid out by gently pressing on the blister with clean hands.
- Apply Neosporin and a Band-Aid daily until healing occurs, usually 5-10 days after treatment.
- The treated area may also itch or look red after treatment. Call the office if this is bothersome or if there is still significant burning, stinging or pain
- IT IS RARE, but anyone can have a severe allergic reaction to any medicine. CALL 911 if you notice hives, swelling of the face, or trouble breathing after treatment with topical cantharidin