



Cantharidin Post Care Instructions

1. Try to keep the treated areas covered with the bandage or tape applied at your visit for 8 hours. This will prevent the medication from potentially getting on any unwanted skin area. Also avoid getting the treated areas moist or wet as this may spread the cantharidin to unwanted areas. If your child becomes unreasonably uncomfortable the tape may be removed sooner than 8 hours, however results of the treatment may be less than expected at this time.
2. Patient should take a shower or soapy bath in order to allow tape or bandage to loosen prior to removal. Gently remove tape or bandage and cleanse with soap and water no longer than 8 hours after their application in our office. Removing the tape or bandage will probably be uncomfortable, we apologize.
3. If you do not remove the tape and chemical at the 8 hour point further blistering will occur which could lead to scarring. **DO NOT LEAVE ON OVERNIGHT.**
4. For treatment of the blister sites, cleanse daily with an antibacterial soap and apply polysporin, bacitracin or less preferably neosporin ointment and a band-aid while blisters are healing for approximately 1-2 weeks.
5. There may be some discomfort from the blister sites. Motrin or Tylenol may be used if needed.
6. If treated area becomes very red, painful and drains pus contact our office for further instructions.