

## GENITAL WART ELECTROCAUTERY

Electrocautery removes genital warts on the penis, vulva or around the anus by burning them with a low-voltage probe. Local anaesthesia is used to completely numb the area.

### Risks and Complications

Genital wart electrocautery is a generally safe procedure. However, there is a potential for risks and complications with any surgery. Some risks and complications may include bleeding and infection.

### After the procedure

You may feel tender for 1-2 weeks. Take pain medication such as Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Motrin or Advil if not allergic as directed.

Taking baths helps to keep the area clean and helps with healing. There may be slight bleeding for the first 3 -4 days. You may shower and bathe as normal. Plain water is best. Do not rub the area. Gently pat the area dry.

The recovery time depends on the location and number of warts removed. Healing usually occurs within 2-4 weeks. Healing time may be prolonged if a large area of tissue is burned.

Ask your surgeon when you may resume sexual intercourse.

You may have dissolvable stitches. They will dissolve on their own in 1-2 weeks.

**Call your doctor if you experience:**

- Increased pain not relieved by pain medication
- Fever and/or chills
- Foul smelling vaginal odour and/or drainage
- Excessive bleeding

Special Instructions

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Follow-up appointment

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