

#### PATIENT EDUCATION

### WHAT ARE WARTS?

- » Warts are a common viral infection of the skin caused by the human papilloma virus (HPV).
- » Warts can occur either as a single wart or in clusters on different parts of the body. Clusters of warts are called mosaic warts.
- » If left untreated, warts can cause discomfort, particularly if they are located on the bottom of the feet.
- » The virus that causes warts is very contagious, so practicing good hygiene is critical to stop the spread of warts to other areas of your body or to others.

## WHAT IS HYDROZID?

- » Hydrozid is a FDA registered device for the treatment of 17 types of skin lesions, including warts. Hydrozid may be used for treatment for usage in children age 5 and above, as well as adults.
- The treatment of warts with Hydrozid is classified as cryosurgery and is characterized by freezing of the infected layer of skin. Cryosurgery has been utilized on warts and other types of skin lesions for over 80 years.
  - Hydrozid provides consistent temperatures (-54 to -58 degrees C) during application that leads to the destruction of warts.



# ABOUT YOUR PROCEDURE

- » There is no need for anesthesia or numbing before treatment with Hydrozid.
- » Your physician will spray the affected area with Hydrozid over several intervals which will depend on a variety of factors. Number of treatments will vary.
- » Treatment with Hydrozid may cause a slight burning or stinging while the wart is being treated. This sensation will normally stop when treatment is completed.
- » Hydrozid is applied using an application template that protects the surrounding healthy tissues. This allows the treatment to occur with minimal impact to the healthy skin around the wart.

#### POST PROCEDURE

- Following the procedure, the area treated may be red, tender and swollen. The treated area may blister, turn a dark color or form a scab. This is a normal part of the process.
- » If the area blisters, do not pop the blister and ensure that the area remains clean and dry. If a scab appears, do not scratch or pick at the scab. Let it fall off naturally.
- » No special bandage or dressing is required and you can shower, but keeping the area clean and dry is recommended. You may experience itching as part of healing.
- » If the pain continues or you have questions or concerns, talk with your doctor about medication that could help.

