

Cidofovir

Cidofovir is a new anti-viral agent that is extremely expensive and has not been approved for use in the treatment of warts. It is used to treat immune-compromised patients who have severe viral diseases. It has been found to be extremely effective of warts and that is why we are using it.

At the present time, Cidofovir can be purchased (only by prescription) at Martin Avenue Pharmacy, 1247 Rickert Dr., Naperville, IL 60540. The phone number is 630-355-6400 (fax 630-355-6522). It is extremely costly. Your Insurance carrier **may not cover** this drug because it is so new. We can give you a letter stating that we are prescribing this drug because it has been reported to be very helpful in treating resistant warts.

Cidofovir comes in a 1% and 3% concentrations, in 2 gm and 3 gm jars with a small flat-tipped applicator included. Price range is approximately up to \$325.00 for the larger jar of the higher concentration. No refrigeration is needed.

You must send your prescription to the pharmacy or we may be able to fax it for you. You will have to make arrangements for payment and delivery.

HOW TO USE

Typically, most patients who have warts have thick warts that need to be flattened out first. To accomplish this, cut small pieces of Mediplast to match the size of your warts. Apply the Mediplast to the warts and cover with waterproof tape. Leave on for 2 days. Do not overlap the Mediplast onto normal skin – it will cause irritation. Mediplast is also known as 40% salicylic acid plaster. This is available over the counter at the drug store.

You can start out by using the Mediplast for the first 2 days of the week. For the next 5 days you will apply a small amount of the Cidofovir to the wart only once daily and cover with waterproof tape. At the end of the one week repeat the same treatment cycle if the wart is still thick. If it is not thick, you can use the Cidofovir once daily every day and skip the Mediplast. Typically, most patients who use the higher concentration of this drug will clear in about 2 months. Of course, we cannot guarantee it will work in your case.

SIDE EFFECTS

There can be irritation at the site of application and sometimes the skin may break down and crack with prolonged wrapping with waterproof tape. It is considered to be safe when used on the surface of the skin because so little is used, and there is minimal if any absorption. Call us with any questions at the number listed at the top of this form.