

# About Venereal Warts



## What are venereal warts?

Venereal warts are growths on or near the sex organs. You can get venereal warts when you have sex with someone that has them. If you have venereal warts, you can pass them to another person during sex.

You get warts from a virus. You get them one to three months after you get the virus. They usually don't hurt, but they can still be serious. How bad they are depends on:

- **Where** they are
- **How big** they are
- **How many** of them there are

## Things you need to know about venereal warts

1. If you were treated today, do just what your doctor or nurse told you to do.
2. Tell your sex partner(s) "I got treated for venereal warts. You may have warts even if you cannot see them. See your doctor".
3. **Do not** have sex. **Wait** until you and your sex partner(s) get treated.
4. To protect yourself and your sex partner(s) from sexually transmitted diseases, always use condoms (rubbers) when you have sex.
5. If you think you have a sexually transmitted disease (VD), go to your doctor or Health Department Clinic right away.
6. Sometimes, warts come back. If that happens, you need to go to the clinic again.

## What to do:

1. If you got medicine put on your warts today, wash it off in **2 - 3 hours** with soap and water.
2. Come back to the clinic on: \_\_\_\_\_
3. **Do not** have sex with someone who has signs of venereal warts (look for signs).