

## **Verruca (Warts)**

**What do skin warts look like?** — Skin warts are raised round or oval growths. Some warts have tiny black dots in them, and these are actually small vessels that bring blood to the warts. Warts can appear alone or in groups that join and form patches. Warts on the bottom of the feet are called plantar warts.

**What causes skin warts?** — Warts are caused by germs called viruses. You can get infected with the virus that causes warts by touching another person's wart. You can also get infected by touching objects that have the virus on them. For instance, people can catch warts by walking barefoot around pools, locker rooms, or gyms.

**Should I see a doctor or nurse about my wart?** — When you notice a wart it is usually best to seek early treatment for it so that a small wart does not spread to infect more of the foot. Sometimes this spread can be more individual locations for the warts or large clusters of the warts in one (or more) location on the feet.

The doctors at Hosey Foot and Ankle Centers are trained to treat warts quickly and effectively so they do not spread and become more painful. We will assess your wart and will determine the most effective treatment for you. Your treatment will depend on the number and extent of the lesions. Treatments could include topical medication, an office procedure to excise the lesions, or sometimes laser treatment.

Do not suffer with warts any longer and risk transfer of these to your friends and family. If you think you have warts, get them assessed and treated quickly by one of our highly trained physicians.