

WART REMOVAL WITH FULGURATION

What is fulguration?

Fulguration is a procedure of destruction of wart or other skin lesion by sparkling from electrode to a wart. Fulguration occurs when the electrode is held slightly above the wart and an arc of or sparks delivered to the wart. Fulguration is also useful to treat other superficial skin lesions such as basal cell carcinoma.

Before wart removal:

- 1 Tell your doctor if you have a pacemaker for your heart before having fulguration.
- 2 Wart areas will be numbed with lidocaine so you will not have pain. Tell your doctor if you are allergic to lidocaine or epinephrine.
- 3 You will be asked to sign a consent form. A consent form is a legal document that gives your doctor permission to do a procedure. Your doctor will explain the risks and benefits of having the procedure and alternative treatment. Before signing the consent form make sure all your questions have been answered so that you understand what may happen.

During the procedure:

A pencil-like tool with a thin, needle-like tip is held above your wart. The heat produced by sparkling that burns them kills the skin cells and virus underneath. The destroyed wart will look charred or singed.

After the procedure:

A band-aid will be applied to protect wound from infection. Keep your wound clean to prevent infection. Keep it covered with a band-aid to protect it for a few days. If the band aid gets wet, change it with a clean, dry band aid.

That black charred mark will drop off on its own in 1 to 6 weeks leaving barely visible light or darker colored depression in a skin.

Call our office if:

- 1 You have more pain, swelling, redness, or drainage in the treated area. These may mean you have a wound infection.
- 2 The skin around your wart is red and hot.
- 3 You have a fever or shaking chills

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