

## Abstract

Treatment of planter warts by chemo-surgery—a new technique  
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The treatment of planter warts have been always a challenging problem due to its ingrowing character. Considering that warts are benign hyperplastic epidermal lesions, drastic surgical procedures are not advisable.

A total of 48 cases of planter warts without pre-existing hyperkeratosis or calluses, were subjected to chemo surgery—a combination therapy. A small pit was made by paring off the central part of the wart with sharp edge of the blade. 2-3 crystals of monochloroacetic acid were placed in the pit and covered with a strip of adhesive plaster. After 48 hours, the subject experienced a feeling of tightness and severe pain due to appearance of vesicles surrounding the wart. After local anaesthesia, wart was separated with a blade from the sides and tumor was scooped out enmass. The result of the therapy was excellent and good in 79.1%. Selection of fresh cases without pre-existing hyperkeratosis and formation of vesicles surrounding the wart were important hall marks and pre-requisite for success of the new technique.

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