

Wilson Dermatology & Skin Care

Specializing in diseases of the skin, hair, and nails.



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LIQUID NITROGEN TREATMENT (CRYOSURGERY)

Liquid Nitrogen is a cold liquefied gas with a temperature of -197 degrees centigrade. It is used to freeze and destroy superficial skin growths such as warts and keratoses. Liquid Nitrogen causes stinging and mild pain while the growth is being frozen and then thaws.

After liquid nitrogen treatment, your skin may become swollen and red, it may also blister. The blister may be punctured with a sterile needle (heat needle tip with a flame and let cool). Apply a thin layer of bacitracin or polysporin – (no prescription needed) to the site twice daily.

If the site is subject to irritation, cover with a band-aid. After the blister resolves, a scab will form and fall off by itself in one to three weeks. The skin growth that was treated will fall off with the scab, leaving healthy new skin. You can wash skin as usual and use makeup or other cosmetics immediately after treatment.

Sometimes, Liquid Nitrogen Treatment has to be repeated if the growth remains after 3-4 weeks. Please make a return appointment.