

# Should I tell my Partner I have warts?



If you have genital warts **your partner may have them as well.**

**They should go to the doctors to check if they have them.**

They also needs to know about **having to use a condom.**

## Smear Tests

Some types of genital warts can occasionally lead to cervical cancer.

It is **very important** that you attend your doctors (GP) surgery for **regular smear tests.**

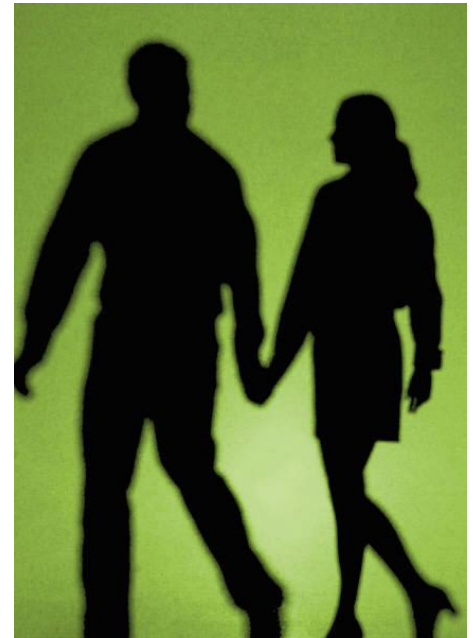
**If you have any questions contact the clinic**

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**Looking after  
your  
sexual health**

**GENITAL  
WARTS**

# What causes genital warts?

Genital warts are caused by a virus. A virus is a bug passed from one person to another

The virus is passed from one person to another during close sexual contact.

## How do you catch them?

The virus can be passed on through :-

**Sex**



**Oral sex (blow job)**



# Will the treatment work?

You may have to have the treatment several times to get rid of the warts.



Even when you have got rid of the warts **you will still have the virus.**

You still need to **use a condom** when having sex.



## Will I need any more Treatment?

You will need to go to the clinic regularly until the warts have gone.

If you have any questions ask the doctor or nurse and they will help you

**If the warts come back you must get more treatment.**

# Treatment

A cream may be put onto the warts before the Treatment. This is done to stop any pain.



The treatment could be:-

Painting a liquid onto the warts.

Or Freezing the warts.

If you are sore after the treatment talk to the doctor or nurse.

To soothe the pain it may help to have a warm bath with some salt in it.

SALT



But **DO NOT** use:-

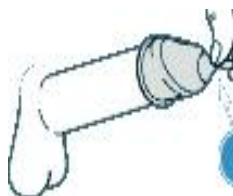
Bath oils or bubble baths,  
Perfumed soaps,  
Creams or lotions.



Because these can make the skin sore and itchy

If you have sex after the treatment it may hurt

Always use a **condom** when having sex to stop giving other people warts



## You cannot catch it from:-

Kissing



Hugging



Sharing baths  
Or towels



Sharing cups,  
knives,  
forks, etc.

Toilet seats



# How can I stop myself from getting genital warts?

Using **condoms** is the best way to stop catching/getting genital warts, or giving them to someone else.

Use **condoms** for:-



## Sex



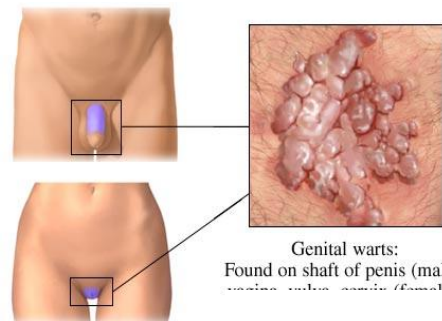
## Oral sex (blow job)



# What are the signs and symptoms?

You can have the **virus** **without** being able to see any **warts**

The warts you get may look like this:-



The warts do not usually hurt. They may cause **itching** and sometimes they may **bleed**.