

# Candida antigen

## for warts and molluscum

### What is candida antigen?

Candida antigen is a yeast extract that can be used to treat warts and molluscum. It does not cause yeast infections.

Most people have been exposed to yeast at some time during their lives. Diaper rash as a baby or thrush are some examples of exposure.

### How is it used?

Warts and molluscum are caused by viruses. Candida antigen helps the body's cells recognize the virus.

A shot (injection) will be given into two lesions. Then, your child's body can begin to fight against the virus. This happens slowly.

You may not notice any change in the lesions after the first treatment. The shots are given monthly to keep the process going. Normally, 3 to 4 sets of shots are needed. If the shots seem to be working, more may be needed. This treatment can be used with other treatments such as liquid nitrogen.



### Are there any side effects from the injection?

It is normal to have itching, redness and swelling at the site of injection. The itching can last for several hours. It is best not to give anti histamines (such as Benadryl®). These medicines might make the treatment not work as well.

### For other health and wellness information, check out this resource:

<https://kidshealth.org/ChildrensWi/en/parents>

**ALERT:** Call your child's doctor, nurse, or clinic if you have any questions or concerns or if your child has special health care needs that were not covered by this information.

**This sheet was created to help you care for your child or family member. It does not take the place of medical care. Talk with your healthcare provider for diagnosis, treatment and follow-up.**