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CANDIDA ALBICANS THERAPY FOR WARTS

Your doctor is trying a therapy for warts called immunotherapy with ***candida albicans allergenic extract***. The purpose of which is to cause an allergic reaction in the skin, in the hopes of stimulating your own body's immune system to fight the warts.

The therapy will begin with a single injection into the wart. Even if there are numerous warts, only the largest needs to be injected at the first treatment. Some patients will see redness and swelling in the injected area within one week of the treatment. A minority of patients may feel painful, swollen lymph glands anywhere along the extremity that is injected. Others will see no reaction at the site where the solution was injected. All of these are expected reactions within normal limits.

Several studies have shown that candida albicans injection is a safe and effective treatment for warts. Patients who are pregnant, have severe asthma or hives, take beta-blockers, or have an active candida infection (e.g. candidal vaginitis, or yeast infection) should not receive this treatment. Side effects are rare, but when they occur, include discomfort and swelling in the treated area, fever, and flu-like symptoms.

Please remember that this treatment may take several months before you begin to see results. As with all treatments for warts, candida albicans does not work in all patients. If it seems to be ineffective, your doctor will discuss other alternative therapies with you. Feel free to call our office at any time should you have any questions regarding your treatment with candida albicans.