

Cryosurgery

Cryosurgery is the destruction of growths by freezing them with liquid nitrogen. After treatment there may be some burning or slight pain sensation that can last up to 24 hours. Within 24-48 hours a blister may form or the area will get crusty. This is normal. You may get the area wet in the shower and wash it with soap and water. No other care is required. If the area is oozing: clean the area with soap and water and apply a dab of antibiotic ointment (eg. Polysporin) and a band-aid. You can do this once a day until area is healed. Please call the office if there are any signs of infection such as: swelling, heat, increased pain or pus.

Regarding precancerous lesions: after being sprayed the lesion will look pink for about 12 hours. It may blister and scab. Within 1-2 weeks the area will turn brown and begin to peel. After 4-6 weeks the area of the lesion should be smooth but may remain light pink for a few more weeks. If the lesion is still scaly or crusty you should make a follow up appointment for reevaluation of the area.