**TREATMENT GUIDELINES FOR HEALTH STAFF**

**WARTS (COMMON)**

Authorized health and wellness staff may treat common warts on skin surfaces as follows:

1. Most non-genital warts eventually regress spontaneously but may persist for months or years.
2. Apply a topical salicylic acid preparation according to the manufacturer’s instructions.
3. An alternative treatment is topical cryotherapy as directed by the center physician; may need to be treated every two weeks until resolution.
4. The student should be instructed to soak the warts in warm water daily and gently debride the surface of the wart with an emery board.

**WHEN TO REFER TO THE CENTER PHYSICIAN**

* If the student has extensive non-genital warts
* If the student has flat warts (tretinoin therapy may be indicated)
* If the student has not responded to topical therapy or cryotherapy within 4 weeks