**TREATMENT GUIDELINES FOR HEALTH STAFF**

**WARTS (EXTERNAL GENITAL)**

Authorized health and wellness staff may treat external genital warts as follows:

1. Student-administered imiquimod 5% cream (Aldara) applied once daily at bedtime three times per week for up to 16 weeks. Instruct student to wash treated areas with soap and water 6-10 hours after treatment or next morning. Instruct student to discontinue treatment and return for evaluation if skin irritation or rash occurs.
2. Alternative treatments include provider-administered:
   * Trichloroacetic acid (TCA) 80%-90%, repeated weekly as necessary
   * Cryotherapy
   * Surgical excision/curettage/laser
3. Discuss contact(s) treatment, screening for other STIs as appropriate, health department reporting requirements, and prevention of STIs and pregnancy (offer condoms and contraceptives as appropriate).
4. Pregnant students with genital warts should be referred to an obstetrician-gynecologist for treatment, as cesarean delivery may be indicated.
5. Sex partners with no visible genital warts should be counseled but need not be treated.

**WHEN TO REFER TO THE CENTER PHYSICIAN**

* If the student has symptoms suggestive of another sexually transmitted infection
* If the student has warts on the vagina, cervix, anus, rectum, or urethral meatus