

## In Dermatology

### VIRAL WARTS

- Aetiology: Human papillomavirus (HPV) more than 100 serotypes isolated so far
- Incubation period: Weeks to months
- Transmission: Autoinoculation, direct contact, sexual transmission
- Clinical feature: Hyperkeratotic papular lesions with warty excrescences
- Common sites: Extremities, dorsae of hands and feet
- Differential diagnosis: MC, Koenen's tumor (periungual)
- Treatment: Keratolytics, flexible collodion solution containing 17% salicylic acid and 17% lactic acid, Chemical cautery: Podophyllin, TCA, cryoelectrocautery, laser. Topical: Imiquimod, 5-fluorouracil (5FU), dinitrochlorobenzene (DNCB), bleomycin, interferon. Systemic: Levamisole, cimetidine.



**Periungual wart in addition to verruca vulgaris**