

Molluscum Contagiosum

General points

- Molluscum should not be referred to secondary care
- It is a virally induced reaction that has a good prognosis – 90% are clear within a year

Treatment

- Expressing (squeezing out) the viral central core without reinoculating it onto the skin, is easily done at home, and can be done one or two at a time by a parent
- Treat associated eczema / infection with appropriate emollients / antibiotics

NB: If significant warts or molluscum, consider whether immunocompromised.

References

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