

## Molluscum Contagiosum

Treatment of Molluscum Contagiosum:

1. The treatment can irritate the skin and an eczema like reaction is unpreventable.
2. Patients tend to scratch the rash and if ever a secondary bacterial infection is suspected, the doctor needs to be contacted immediately and treatment needs to be stopped temporarily. If there is any pain —myprodol syrup( if there no history of allergies) can be used three times a day. If there are open areas, bactroban ointment can be applied twice a day.
3. Swimming and long baths are contraindicated while on the treatment and all precautions must be taken to prevent spread and excessive irritation.
4. This is a very strong treatment and **will inflame the area**.
5. It is a contagious condition and care must be taken to prevent the spread of the disease

It is difficult to stop a child from scratching the area and thus any suspicious infection needs to be reported to the doctor.

Treatment can be up to 4-6 weeks and only minute amounts need to be used on the lesions only— not all over the skin. The product needs to be stored in a safe place.

A review is recommended after 1 month.

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