**Patient information**

**Surgical treatment of genital warts (condyloma)**

You have been diagnosed with genital warts on the skin or mucous membrane. These warts are benign. Visible genital warts can be treated in many different ways; medication and swabbing have often been tried before this treatment.

**The operation**This is an outpatient treatment and is carried out under general anaesthetic or local anaesthetic. The treatment itself usually only takes a few minutes. The extent of the treatment is dependant on where the changes are located, and how widespread they are. The treatment is most frequently done by scraping/abrasion or superficial burning/coagulation of the warts. Sometimes a laser is used. A sick note is usually not necessary.

**Complications**Complications are rare and not serious. There is, as a rule, very little pain, but when treating larger areas of skin, soreness and weeping from the wound area will occur. When treating the skin and mucous membrane around the urethra opening or the anus, stinging and soreness during passing water/stools can be problematic in the beginning.

Infection following this treatment is very rare. If you experience increasing pain after the treatment you should contact the hospital:

Gynaecological department tel.no. **51 51 87 77.**

**Reoccurrence**Reoccurrence is quite common regardless of treatment method, but over a longer period of time (months/years), genital warts have a tendency to disappear by themselves.

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