

## **ANGIOMAS**

### **What causes angiomas?**

Angiomas are harmless, common skin growths that first appear during adult life. They are small red overgrowths of normal blood vessels. As time goes by, more growths appear. Some persons have a very large number of them. Angiomas appear on both covered and uncovered parts of the body. They are not caused by sunlight. The tendency to develop angiomas is inherited.

Angiomas are harmless and never become malignant. They begin as small, flat, red spots. Gradually they enlarge and become raised. This slow enlargement is harmless. Because of their red, raised appearance they are often referred to as cherry angiomas. If any individual growth changes rapidly, bleeds, or crusts please return to have it checked.

### **Treatment**

Since angiomas are benign and there are usually many lesions, they are best ignored. If an individual growth is inflamed, itchy, or annoys you because it rubs against your clothes, it can be removed.