

## **VEREGEN**

Veregen (sinecatechins) ointment is a topical medication which is applied for the treatment of warts. It is the first botanical drug approved for prescription use in the United States. It is made from an extract of green tea leaves. The exact way this medication works to eliminate warts is not known.

Veregen ointment can be used to treat warts on any area of the body. The exact application method depends on where the warts are located. It should only be used on the skin.

Veregen works best when it is applied three times per day. Apply a small amount and make sure it is rubbed in completely to the affected areas. An alternative is to rub the medication in once per day and cover it with a Band-Aid or duct tape. This increases the penetration of the medication.

It is important to continue to treat the areas until there is complete clearance of all the warts. This can take many weeks, even up to 3 to 4 months. Side effects with this product are unusual. As with any topical medication, there can be a local skin reaction such as slight redness, itching, or irritation. In general these reactions will subside quickly even if the medication is continued. If you have any problems with the therapy, please do not hesitate to call the office.

Veregen ointment lasts longer if it is kept in the refrigerator. It should not be frozen. Unfortunately, if medications are kept in the refrigerator, they tend not to be used. If that is the case for you, it is best to keep the medication out of the refrigerator in an area that reminds you to use it regularly.

Again, Veregen ointment is a new botanical product applied topically for the treatment of warts. If you have any questions, please ask me before you leave the office.