



## **Penile Pearly Papules Information Leaflet**

### **CO2 Laser Treatment**

CO2 laser ablation of penile pearly papules is essentially a cosmetic procedure. The objective is to remove the papules, whilst minimising risk of scarring, or long term changes in pigmentation.

- Local anaesthetic is applied in the form of EMLA cream, then reapplied every half hour. The cream will be left on for one to one and a half hours.
- After your penis is fully anaesthetised, the CO2 laser is used to burn away the penile pearly papules, you should not feel any notable discomfort.
- A number of black, burnt marks will be on your penis, where the papules previously showed, these areas will heal over the next seven to fourteen days.
- After this period, you will be left with reddish (erythematous) areas around the glans (head) which go back to normal skin colour in the long term.
- After treatment, you will need to apply Chloramphenicol eye ointment to the laser burn marks, doing so three to four times a day will be helpful.
- Four to five days after treatment, we recommend applying Stratamed cream to the glans, to minimise the risk of scarring and improve cosmetic outcome.

The risks of treatment are increased, or decreased pigmentation, scarring, post operative pain (rarely persistent), or incomplete clearance of the penile pearly papules. High percentage (90% to 95%) success is normal.

These risks should be pointed out to you, wherever you choose to be treated. Our consultants are experienced in providing PPP removal and will try to achieve an optimum outcome.

If you would like to book an appointment, or have any questions, please get in touch with our London clinics at any time:

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