

Silver Nitrate (P.A.W.S.)

Call your child's regular doctor NOW (night or day) if your child has:

- An allergic reaction (for example: itching or hives; swelling of the face, mouth, throat, and/or hands; trouble breathing).
- Redness or a rash around the area treated. Has warmth around the wound.
- A temperature over 101° F (38.4°C) or feels very hot at any age.

What is Silver Nitrate?

Silver nitrate is a product used on top of the skin. It helps to stop the growth of extra skin or tissue. It can also be used to help new tissue grow on chronic (long-lasting) wounds.

When is Silver Nitrate used?

- Extra growth of tissue around g-buttons and other wounds
- Chronic wounds
- Pressure ulcers
- Removal of warts

How do I apply Silver Nitrate?

Always use Silver Nitrate as directed by your child's medical provider! Silver nitrate can hurt healthy skin if applied incorrectly. Make sure to use it only on the area shown to you by the medical team. **Never** use Silver Nitrate around the eyes.

1. Wash and dry your hands.
2. Make sure the skin is clean and dry.
3. Use the Silver Nitrate applicator (stick) on affected tissue only! Make sure you avoid the healthy skin around that area.
4. **Some children may have a burning feeling in this area. Place a clean, damp cloth over the area to help soothe the skin.**
5. After using Silver Nitrate, place a bandage as directed by your child's medical team.
6. Secure the bandage with tape.
7. Wash and dry your hands.

Important information to know

- Store in a dry place that is protected from light.
- When Silver Nitrate is applied, it can cause the skin to look dark gray afterwards. This is normal.

Your child's medical provider will tell you how often to use Silver Nitrate.