

Acquired Digital Fibrokeratoma

An acquired digital fibrokeratoma is a benign growth in the skin. It usually occurs on the fingers, but can also be found on the palms, soles, wrist, toes, calf, or knee. Most people have one, but some people have more than one. The cause is unknown although it is possible that trauma may play a role.

Acquired digital fibrokeratomas are dome shaped and skin colored. They can have either a smooth or a rough surface. They are often mistaken for warts since they look similar. They are not warts. They are not contagious.

They usually cause no discomfort. It is not necessary to remove them since they usually do not enlarge and never turn into cancer. They can be removed surgically if they become annoying. Surgically removing these growths is curative although there is always a slight possibility an individual growth may return.

If you have any other questions about this type of growth, please ask me before you leave the office.

