

SKIN TAGS

What causes skin tags?

Skin tags are harmless common skin growths that first appear during adult life. As time goes by, more growths appear. Some persons have a very large number of them. Skin tags tend to occur in certain areas of the body, although they can be located anywhere. Most people have skin tags in the folds of the neck, under the arms, under the breasts or in the groin. These are the skin fold areas. The tendency to develop skin tags is inherited; so most patients can remember a family member who has similar types of growths.

Skin tags are harmless and never become malignant. They begin as slightly raised light brown spots. Gradually they enlarge to a certain point. Often times they are on a small stalk, which can be twisted. If this happens, the skin tag may become inflamed or bleed. These changes are harmless.

Treatment

Skin tags can easily be removed in the office. The main reason to remove a skin tag is your wish to get rid of it. Usually this is because it is raised from the surface and constantly becomes inflamed due to rubbing from the clothing, jewelry, or undergarments.

If an individual growth would change or become inflamed, then please return to have it checked.