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NAIL CHANGES DUE TO TREATMENT of CANCER

NAIL CHANGES OF THE FINGERS OR TOES INCLUDE:

- Discoloration and ridges in nails, or brittle and cracked nails.
- Swelling, pain & redness around nail, cuticle or hang-nail, possibly with pus or drainage.

NAIL CARE:

- Avoid frequent contact with water or harsh chemicals.
- Trim nails and keep nails clean.
- Apply thick, alcohol-free emollient cream or moisturizer to hands & cuticles TWICE per day, such as:
 - Eucerin cream, Cetaphil cream, Aquaphor ointment, Bag Balm, Udderly Smooth Udder Cream, Vaseline Intensive Care Lotion, Zim's Crack Crème, Vanicream, Cutemol.
- If fissures develop on tips of fingers or toes, apply Liquid Band-aid to the cracks.

PREVENTION of trauma to nails and cuticles:

- Avoid biting or picking nails, hangnails, or cuticles.
- Wear well-fitting shoes or sneakers or sandals.
- Arrange evaluation by the podiatrist if you have ingrown toenails.

TREATMENT OF areas of swelling, pain, redness, and possibly pus around nail:

- Warm soaks four times per day until resolved.
- Apply Bactroban or Neosporin antibiotic ointment to affected area 3 to 4 times per day.
- If no allergy to acetaminophen, may take 650 mg Acetaminophen every 4 hours as needed for pain.
- If no allergy to ibuprofen, may take 400 mg Ibuprofen (with food) every 6 hours as needed for pain.

PRESCRIBED MEDICATIONS:

- Oral antibiotics may be prescribed for you. Please follow instructions.

WHEN TO CALL:

- Please call if you are concerned - on any day -at any time- about any issue!
- Please call EARLY if you are not well, so that office visit may be scheduled if needed.
- Temperature above 100.4°.
- You are unable to complete your usual daily activities due to your nail or skin changes.
- You have uncontrolled discomfort or pain.