Dramatic Verrucae Confined to the Lower Lip

FIGURE. PCR for Human Papilloma Virus was not available.

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A 16-year-old boy presented with a 3-year history of development of small papules on his lower lip. Histologic study of a biopsy specimen confirmed that the lesions were verrucae vulgaris. Other than having several genital warts, the patient was otherwise healthy and his HIV serology and full blood count were within normal limits.

The incubation period for common warts is 1–6 months. The causative virus most easily enters the body through an area of skin that is moist, peeling, or cracked. These lip lesions are particularly dramatic and unusual.

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