

SKIN TAGS

What causes Skin Tags?

Skin tags are little growths some persons develop about the neck, armpits, or groin. Their name perfectly describes them, for they look like little bits of skin. The medical name for a skin tag is acrochordon or fibroepithelioma. The tendency to develop skin tags is inherited. Skin tags sometimes turn tan and brown. They are harmless and never become cancerous or malignant. At times, a skin tag may become sore from rubbing against clothing or jewelry. Although annoying, this is not dangerous.

Treatment:

Skin tags are harmless and are treated only if a person finds them unsightly or a nuisance. They may be frozen with liquid nitrogen or snipped off with a surgical scissors. Healing is usually complete in seven to fourteen days.

New skin tags may form even if all existing skin tags are removed. There is no way to prevent the formation of new skin tags.