

Cryotherapy and COVID-19

Concern has been raised that cryotherapy of anogenital warts may result in an aerosol containing coronavirus particles. This has been specifically questioned in the case of anal warts, in the light of evidence that coronaviruses may be present in stool.

Following consultation with experts in infection control and hospital acquired infection, it has been concluded that cryotherapy is not an aerosol generating procedure (AGP) and therefore the risk of cryotherapy to the HCW is limited to that associated with the inability to maintain social distancing.