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Case 1

Lesions on the Glans Penis

A 19-year-old, black male presents with asymptomatic lesions on the base of his glans penis that have slowly multiplied over the past few years. His girlfriend has asked him to get these treated.

What is your diagnosis?

- Fordyce glands
- Pearly penile papules
- Filiform warts
- Molluscum contagiosum
- Dermatofibroma

Answer

Pearly penile papules (PPP) (**answer b**) are tiny, skin-coloured papules found at the corona of the glans penis in rows of one to three. They affect approximately 10 to 20% of men and are more common in uncircumcised men. They are asymptomatic, but many men are anxious about their nature; some are particularly concerned that they may have warts. PPP are considered a normal anatomic variant and are not contagious or malignant in any way. The



diagnosis is clinical, and dermoscopy gives a typical appearance as well. Patients can be reassured as to the benign nature of these lesions, and they should be advised that a dermatologist can remove them successfully; however, this is accomplished with the use of various destructive devices (laser or electrocautery).

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