



INFECTIOUS DISEASES (BACTERIAL, FUNGAL, VIRAL, PARASITIC, INFESTATIONS)

JUDICIAL PRECEDENTS ASSOCIATED WITH PERIUNGUAL WARTS IN SOUTH KOREA

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Introduction: Periungual wart is a common infectious disease that is challenging to treat. Nail matrix involvement can occur in periungual wart; therefore, treatment can cause permanent damage to the nail matrix.

Objective: To figure out the medical litigation related to periungual wart in South Korea.

Materials and Methods: Periungual wart-related legal judgments were searched by The Supreme Court of Korea's Written Judgment Management System. The search system included sentenced cases at the Lower Courts, the Appellate Courts, and the Supreme Court from 1997 to 2017 in Korea.

Results: We found three periungual wart-associated cases with litigation. All cases involved fingers. Two cases were related to bleomycin and one was associated with lidocaine injection. Sequelae of three cases included onychodystrophy, anonychia, and distal fingertip necrosis, respectively. Two cases were ruled in favor of plaintiff while one case was dismissed. The average awarded amount was 56,198,146 Korean Won (About 50,000 US Dollar).

Conclusions: Treatment of periungual wart can cause medicolegal disputes. Physicians should be aware of the adverse effects of local injection and obtain informed consent from patients before the treatment.

