

Patient Information for Cherry hemangioma - Skin

Overview

A cherry hemangioma is a small non-cancerous, red-purple bump on the skin that is typically seen in older adults. It is formed from an overgrowth of small veins.

Who's At Risk

Cherry hemangiomas are found in individuals of all races and ethnic backgrounds. They occur more frequently with increasing age.

Signs & Symptoms

Cherry hemangiomas may be found on any body location. They range from a small, red, flat dot to a larger, round-topped, bright-cherry-red bump. Sometimes cherry hemangiomas are more purple than red in color. Rarely, a cherry hemangioma lesion demonstrates a dark brown to an almost black color.

Self-Care Guidelines

No self-care is needed except avoiding trauma, which may cause bleeding of the lesions.

When to Seek Medical Care

Cherry hemangiomas typically require no treatment, although lesions that are irritated or bleeding (most commonly occurring due to injury) usually require removal. Cherry hemangioma lesions can also be removed if they are cosmetically undesirable.

Treatments Your Physician May Prescribe

Lesions may be surgically removed by cutting away the area (excision), burning away the area (electrocautery), laser, or freezing the area (cryosurgery).