Common Dermatology Issues

Here are descriptions of common skin problems that we can treat:

**Actinic Keratoses:** rough, scaly patch on skin that develops from years of exposure to UV rays; most commonly found on face, lips, ears, backs of hands, forearms, neck or scalp

**Condyloma acuminatum:** also known as genital warts, the signs for condyloma acuminatum include small, flesh colored or gray swellings in the genital areas, several warts close together that look like cauliflower, itching or discomfort in genital area, or bleeding with intercourse.

**Melanoma:** serious type of skin cancer; remember your ABCD's of skin pigmentation—if a mole changes, or appears, look for these as signs of melanoma:

- asymmetry
- border irregularity
- color (multicolored, dark brown or black)
- diameter (greater than 6mm)
**Plantar warts:** noncancerous skin growths found on the soles of your feet, caused by the human papillomavirus (HPV)

**Seborrheic Keratoses:** wart-like, noncancerous growths on the skin; usually tan, brown or black; round or oval in shape, usually appear in clusters; can be found on face, chest, shoulders, back or other areas

**Skin tags:** small, soft, flesh covered growths that protrude from the skin that are generally harmless

**Verruca vulgaris:** also known as common warts, these are noncancerous growths on epidermis caused by the human papilloma virus (HPV) that are generally harmless, but may itch or hurt

The Sullivan Center offers the following treatments for these conditions:
- skin tag removal
- shave excision
- cryosurgery
- incision and drainage of an abscess.

If something is suspect of melanoma, it can be sent to a lab for biopsy.