

**10.13 MOLLUSCUM CONTAGIOSUM (MC)**

TITLE	DESCRIPTION
DEFINITION:	An infection caused by a pox virus. MC is usually a benign, mild skin infection characterized by lesions (growths) that may appear anywhere on the body. MC is a self-limited infection in healthy individuals. Person to person transmitted infection usually manifested by small umbilicated vesicles.
SUBJECTIVE:	<b>May Include:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Small lesions on or near vulva or inner aspects of thighs that slowly increase in size or number.</li> <li>2. No symptoms.</li> </ol>
OBJECTIVE:	<b>Assess as Indicated:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 2 to 5 mm smooth, rounded, shiny, firm flesh colored to pearly white papules with or without umbilicated centers.</li> <li>2. Asymptomatic lesions most commonly seen on trunk and anogenital region.</li> </ol>
LABORATORY:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. STI tests as indicated.</li> <li>2. Wet prep as indicated.</li> </ol>
ASSESSMENT:	Molluscum Contagiosum.
PLAN:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Treatment as locally determined. Lesion visibility, underlying atopic disease and the desire to prevent transmission may prompt therapy.</li> </ol>
EDUCATION:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Encourage partner to be evaluated for STIs.</li> <li>2. Encourage partner treatment if symptomatic.</li> <li>3. Stress benign nature of condition.</li> </ol>
REFERRAL TO MEDICAL PROVIDER:	As indicated.
REFERENCES:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Centers for Disease Control &amp; Prevention <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/molluscum-contagiosum/index.html">Molluscum Contagiosum</a>. (<a href="https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/molluscum-contagiosum/index.html">https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/molluscum-contagiosum/index.html</a>). (Retrieved 08/03/2017).</li> </ol>