Figure 1. Application of the cognitive model of illness (comprising five core dimensions) to the case of genital warts

**Identity**
Stigmatisation negatively affecting self-perception

**Consequences**
Disrupted sex, love and social life. Psychological distress

**Cause**
“Somebody has done something wrong”

**Timeline**
Unknown. Possible recurrences.

**Control**
Varying effectiveness of treatment. Powerlessness

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