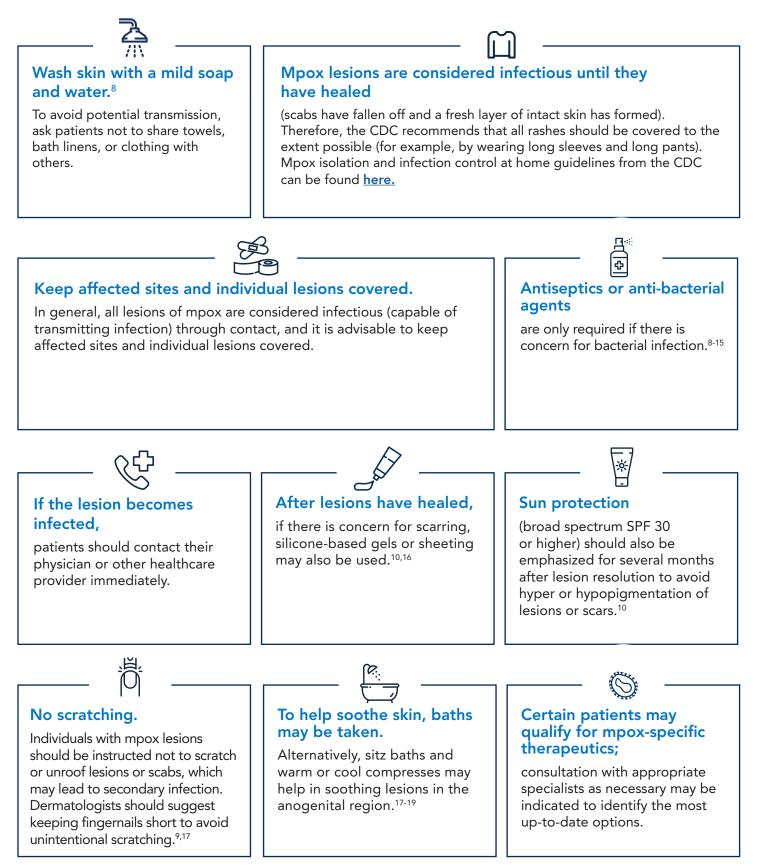
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The mpox virus causes lesions to form on the body. While these can be located anywhere, many individuals during the current outbreak have experienced lesions in the anogenital region, though involvement of other areas including the face, extremities, and mucosal areas such as the mouth have also occurred.¹⁻³

While the number of lesions can vary widely, a recent CDC report indicated that the majority of cases in the current outbreak develop less than 50 lesions.^{4,5} No matter the number, mpox lesions can lead to both atrophic and hypertrophic scarring.^{6,7}

For individuals who have developed lesions from a mpox infection, care should be taken to ensure lesions heal properly with minimal scarring. Though data on lesion healing in mpox infections is limited, information on wound healing in general, as well as care for similar skin lesions form other infections, can aid in understanding how to best care for mpox lesions and prevent scarring:



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