**INFANTILE HEMANGIOMA TIMOLOL TREATMENT**

Your child's skin lesion(s) is called an infantile hemangioma. They are also commonly known as strawberry marks.

Hemangiomas are benign, non-harmful birthmarks. They may be slightly visible or not apparent at the time of birth, and then within the first few weeks of life typically will begin to grow. They grow most rapidly during the first 3-4 months of life, then they begin to slow down and eventually stabilize in size, especially by the time the child turns one, if not earlier than that. Infantile hemangiomas then begin to involute or go away gradually over the next several months to years. Signs that your child's hemangioma is starting to stabilize and involute may include a duller pink color or visible grey color (as opposed to the bright red color that is typical during the proliferation stage), and the hemangioma will also start to feel softer and more compressible when touched.

Please start using the prescription medication (timolol 0.5% gel-forming solution) by applying 1 drop twice daily to the hemangioma(s). Side effects may include dryness or irritation. You can use a moisturizer such as vaseline or Aquaphor should these occur. **Although this is an eye drop, you will NOT USE IN THE CHILD’S EYE. It should only be applied to the hemangioma as instructed.**

Please call our office if your child experiences any complications such as breakdown of skin, creating an ulcer, on the hemangioma.