

## The Brutal Reality of Living is Inescapable

See:

man dipping his index finger onto oil from a plastic tube,  
preparing to smear it on his anus  
hunched in a Somerville Walgreens  
key-locked bathroom,  
memories of cashier looking down at lonely yellow tube  
and hearing “do you have a bathroom” clouding  
the concentration needed for the task quite literally at hand:

Adults: when practical, cleanse the affected area  
by patting or blotting with an appropriate  
cleansing wipe. Gently dry by patting or  
blotting with a tissue or soft cloth before  
applying ointment. Apply to infected area.