

Patient information

Orchidopexy - Children

What is it?

At birth, boys normally have two testicles in the scrotal sac (the pouch under the penis). Sometimes one remains in the groin area and an operation has to be performed to bring this testicle down into the scrotal sac, the normal position for fertility.

Following the surgery

- Unless instructed otherwise, after your child's discharge please leave the dressings on for 48 hours and keep them clean and dry. It is quite normal for some bruising around the operation site.
- Stitches will dissolve and do not need to be removed.
- Steristrips will fall away in 7-10 days. If not you can gently remove them.
- A quick bath or shower is recommended after 48 hours. Thereafter a daily bath/shower should be encouraged.
- A certain amount of discomfort is normal and medicines such as Calpol (paracetamol) and Ibuprofen should be given regularly for the first 2 days, then as required. Please follow the instructions on the bottles and ensure you have one of our pain control leaflets.
- Your child should be encouraged to take part in restful activities and be watched closely for 24 hours after discharge.
- Any rough play, climbing, contact sports and riding a bicycle should be avoided for 1 week.

- Your child can return to school when their pain is under control and they feel well enough.

Contact your GP or GP Out-of-Hours Service if

- your child has severe pain
- the operation site becomes increasingly swollen, red, hot and/or produces a discharge, your child may have an infection
- bruising is severe

Further advice

If you are worried or need advice you can call the following departments who can best advise you on what to do:

- Rainbow Ward 01284 713315 (24hrs a day)
- Your own GP / GP out of hours
- NHS 111

If you would like any information regarding access to the West Suffolk Hospital and its facilities please visit the hospital website www.wsh.nhs.uk and click on the link, or visit the disabledgo website:

<http://www.disabledgo.com/organisations/west-suffolk-nhs-foundation-trust/main>