



Hydrocele

A hydrocele is swelling in the scrotum that occurs when fluid accumulates around the testicle. There are two types of hydroceles: communicating and non-communicating.

Communicating hydroceles typically occur in infants and are quite common. The swelling is painless for your son. You may notice the swelling changes size throughout the day. It can occur around one or both testicles. Hydroceles often resolve spontaneously by 12-18 months of age. If the swelling has not resolved by 12-18 months then surgical repair is recommended.

Non-communicating hydroceles may be present at birth but are more common in adolescents and adults. A non-communicating hydrocele in an older child may be due to scrotal injury or inflammation.