



Pediatric Urology

Orchiopexy: What to Expect After Surgery

Orchiopexy is the surgery to bring an undescended testicle into its proper position in the scrotum. (The scrotum is the bag of skin that hangs below the penis.)

Here are questions parents often have about what to expect after this surgery:

Will my child be in pain?

Most children will receive a nerve block during surgery to reduce pain. This block will wear off in 4-6 hours.

To help prevent pain afterward, start giving your son Tylenol with codeine about 4 hours after the surgery, even if he seems comfortable. If he appears to be in pain, give the medication earlier. ***Plain Tylenol can be used in place of Tylenol with codeine if pain is not severe.***

What will cover the wound?

Usually, no bandage covers the genital area. If there is a bandage, however, you can remove it in two days.

You may see stitches that will dissolve on their own over time. Expect some swelling and bruising around the incision. Both will go away in time.

You also may see a clear, glue-like substance over the incision. This substance will fall off on its own within a few days.

Can my son take a bath?

You may start bathing your child in two days.

What activities can he do?

There is no need to restrict the activities of infants. For older children, please encourage quiet play such as watching television and playing board games for a few days. Avoid contact sports, gyms, bicycles and straddling toys for 14 days.

What can my son eat?

Your son can eat normally as soon as you are home. Some children may have nausea or vomiting from the anesthesia for a short time. If this happens to your son, his appetite will soon return to normal. At that point, he can eat his regular diet.

Will my son be able to sleep?

Some children may change their sleep patterns. They may be sleepy during the day and up at night. This change is just temporary.

When should I call the doctor?

Please call the doctor if your child has any of the following:

- Temperature greater than 101°F
- Excessive bleeding (soaking through the dressing and into the diaper)
- Extreme irritability
- Pain that is not controlled with medication

What if I have questions?

During office hours, please call Pediatric Urology at **(864) 454-5135**. After hours, call (864) 455-9390 and ask for the pediatric urologist on call.