

# HYDROCELE

## Information for Parents, Guardians and Carers

### What is a Hydrocele?

A hydrocele is a painless swelling of the scrotum caused by a collection of fluid around the testicle. A surgical procedure can remove the fluid and repair the testicle.

### Wound Care

At home it is important to care for your child's wound.

- The stitches used in your child's wound are dissolvable. Over these stitches there may be paper stitches called steri strips. A small dressing usually covers the wound
- Keep your child's wound dry for 5 days, your child should not have a bath or shower no baths or showers. After this time the outer dressing may be removed.
- If steri strips are present, allow them to fall off or remove after 10-14 days if they have not fallen off.
- Your child may find loose clothing most comfortable to wear
- Keep an eye on your child's wound for any sign of infection.

### Signs of Infection

Below are signs of a wound infection.

- Pain around your child's wound.
- Swelling around their wound.
- If area around the wound becomes red.
- If there is a green or yellow ooze from your child's wound.
- If there is an unpleasant smell from their wound.
- If your child develops a high temperature.

If you notice any of the signs above please contact your GP.

### Activities

Your child should not attend school until they are able to walk comfortably.

School games, sports, swimming and cycling should be avoided until they are reviewed in out-patients. An out-patient appointment will be given to review the wound in 4-6 weeks.

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