

Orchidopexy

An orchidopexy is an operation which is performed in order to relocate a testicle that has failed to descend into its correct position within the scrotal sac, and fix it there. Two small cuts are made, one in the scrotal sac and the other in the groin, through which the surgery takes place. The operation is usually done on a day case basis.

Following the procedure your child may experience pain/discomfort at the wound site(s). Regular administration of the prescribed painkiller should help. Wearing loose underpants and trousers may also aid comfort because there may be a small amount of scrotal swelling or bruising following the operation. About 24 hours after surgery your child may bath or shower, allowing the water to soak off the wound dressing. Avoid the use of bubble baths and scented soaps and ensure your child is dried carefully.

There may be oozing from the wound sites for a few days and your child may need to have dressings reapplied. Your child may pull these off, but if dressings are used, remember to thoroughly wash your hands before handling the wound site / the clean dressings.

The stitches are usually dissolvable over 2-3 weeks so will not require removing.

There may be oozing from the wound site for a few days. However, if:

- the ooze from the wound changes to a yellow/green colour with or without an offensive smell
- the wound site becomes very red and sore
- there is significant scrotal swelling or pain is severe

please contact either your GP's surgery