

My Planned Care Patient Information Platform

Surgery & Cancer Division – Urology Hydrocele

Introduction

Your Urologist has recommended a Hydrocele procedure which is the removal or repair of a fluid sac surrounding your testicle, to prevent further fluid developing.

You will be provided with a written information leaflet that details your specific surgery when you attend Urology Outpatients (Ward 8).

If you do not receive written information please contact the Urology Outpatient Department, on 01270 612444.

Guidance for Patients

A Hydrocele operation is usually performed as a short-stay procedure under

General Anaesthetic

- We make a small incision into your scrotum and drain the fluid from around your testicle.
- We “bunch up” the sac which holds the fluid using absorbable stitches or close it behind the testicle, to prevent the fluid from re-forming
- Your testicle will always feel bulkier than the other, unaffected testicle
- Absorbable stitches are used which dissolve after two to three weeks

It is usually performed for one or more of the following reasons:

- The swelling has become painful, or embarrassing.
- The swelling may threaten the function of your sexual organs.

What should I do if my health is deteriorating?

If you feel your symptoms are deteriorating, please contact your GP or NHS 111 for medical review in the first instance. Your GP will be able to advise if this is something they can support with during your wait or they will be able to contact your Urology team to discuss their findings in more detail and determine a management plan.

Contact Us

Admission Date - Please contact the Urology Scheduling Team 01270 613408