

Fast Facts

Undescended Testicle

- Also called cryptorchidism
- When a testicle is not in the scrotum
- Testicles are normally formed in the abdomen and then gradually move into the scrotum through the inguinal canal during the last few months before birth
- Typically, the testicle will move into the proper position on its own within the first few months of life, but other times, it doesn't
- Cause is unknown
- Things that increase risk: low birth weight, premature birth, family history of it, conditions that limit fetus growth, alcohol use by the mother during pregnancy, smoking/secondhand smoke exposure during pregnancy and parents' exposure to some pesticides

<i>Symptoms</i>	<i>Treatment</i>	<i>Prevention</i>
-Testicle isn't visible -Testicle can't be felt inside the scrotum	-Initially, wait and see -Surgery, if doesn't self-correct within 6 – 12 months from birth	-Avoid any risk factors that you can during pregnancy

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