

Policy Recommendation: Treatment of Hydrocele

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The committee recommends:

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- Interventions should be delayed until at least 2 years of age.
- Surgical treatment of hydrocele should only be offered if there is significant discomfort which prevents voiding, sexual function, mobility or dressing.
- Ultrasound investigations may be of value in the initial assessment of a hydrocele where there is diagnostic uncertainty but should not be repeated.

Testicular torsion is a surgical emergency and is not included in this review

Notes:

Whilst the panel recognised the considered expert advice of NICE in their recommendation the panel also had a duty to prioritise spending of a finite resource locally and made a decision which it felt gave the most equitable and effective use of investment.