

## Undescended Testes

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Screening for undescended testes is recommended for boys at school entry, typically around 4 to 5 years of age. Sometimes, the testes (also known as testicles) are in the scrotum at birth but may move up into the groin or abdomen at around 4-10 years of age. This happens because the cord that attaches the testis to the abdomen doesn't grow at the same rate as the child.

Undescended testes do not fully descend into the scrotum and can affect one or both testes. Parents or guardians can encourage older children to check for absence of testes in the scrotum themselves. The condition is not painful but can lead to complications such as twisting of the testis, a groin hernia, reduced fertility, and testicular cancer.

For further details on undescended testes, see [Raising Children Network](https://raisingchildren.net.au/). <https://raisingchildren.net.au/>

If you have any concerns, please contact your General Practitioner for advice.

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