

* What is Hydrocele ?

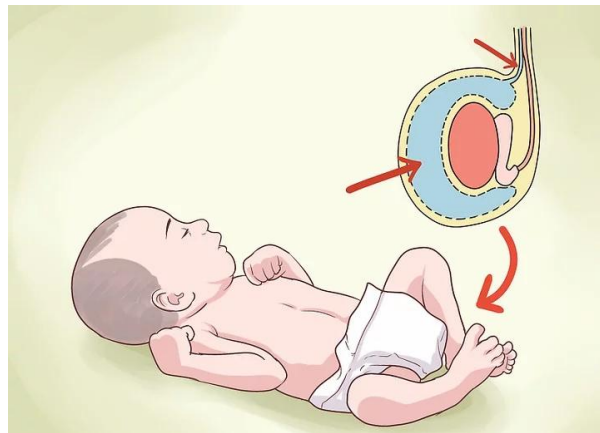
A hydrocele is a buildup of watery fluid around one or both testicles. It causes the scrotum or groin area to swell. A baby's testicles move from the belly area down into the scrotum, along with a bit of the lining of the belly area. The lining shrivels up, leaving a small empty space around the testicles. Fluid leaks into the space, filling it like a small water balloon leading to congenital hydrocele. About one third of male newborn babies have different degrees of hydrocele, most of them disappear by six months of age and few of them may persist above one year of age.

* Symptoms:

On physical examination, one or both scrotum and groin area is swollen.

* Nursing care Guidance:

Hydroceles will resolve over the first year of life. If your child is less than 1 year of age, the surgeon will often recommend observation of the hydrocele. If the hydrocele persists past the age of 1 and with inguinal hernia, surgical repair will be necessary.



(Picture taken from the Internet)

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