Facts about UNDESCENDED TESTICLE

UNDESCENDED TESTICLE IS ALSO CALLED CRYPTOCHIDISM

CRYPTOCHIDISM IS A PAINLESS CONDITION

IT IS FOUND IN ABOUT

3–4% OF NEWBORN BOYS

AND UP TO 21% OF PREEMIE BOYS

NOT SEEING OR FEELING A TESTICLE WHERE YOU WOULD EXPECT IT TO BE IN THE SCROTUM IS THE MAIN SIGN OF AN UNDESCENDED TESTICLE

IN MOST CHILDREN WITH THIS HEALTH ISSUE, IT’S NOT KNOWN WHY THE TESTICLES FAIL TO DROP

CRYPTOCHIDISM IS CONGENITAL (MEANING IT IS PRESENT AT BIRTH)
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10% of cases involve both testes.

About half of undescended testicles drop on their own during the first three months of life.

Myth: An undescended testicle is always obvious in babies.

Fact: About 20% of cases are found once a boy is no longer a baby. All boys should have the location of their testicles checked during each annual physical exam.

All boys — even those whose testicles have properly descended — should learn how to do a testicular self-exam when they are teenagers to detect any lumps or bumps that might be early signs of medical problems.

14% of males with an undescended testicle also had a male relative with the condition.

In most cases, boys with one undescended testicle are still able to have children of their own later in life.

For more information about cryptorchidism, visit the Urology Care Foundation’s website: UrologyHealth.org/UndTestes