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Testicular Implant

A patient guide to testicular prosthesis placement

A practical guide to help you prepare for a conversation with your urologist. Your own care plan may differ.

What is a testicular implant?

A testicular implant, also called a testicular prosthesis, is an artificial device placed in the scrotum to restore its contour when a testicle is absent or has been removed. It is optional. It does not produce sperm or testosterone, restore fertility, or function like a natural testicle.

Timing and choice

Placement may be discussed at the time of testicle removal or as a later procedure. In some situations, placement may need to be delayed. The decision depends on your health, the planned operation, healing considerations and personal preference. Your surgeon can discuss the available size and feel of the prosthesis.

Preparing for surgery

Your team will explain the anaesthetic, fasting, medicines and day-of-surgery plan. Tell them about allergies, blood-thinning medicines, medical conditions and any infection or skin problems. Ask whether placement at the same operation is suitable for you.

Recovery and possible risks

Follow your surgeon’s instructions for wound care, scrotal support, bathing and activity. Temporary discomfort and swelling may occur. Risks include bleeding, infection, pain, wound problems, implant movement or a difference in appearance or feel. Further surgery may be needed in some cases.

When to seek help

Contact your surgical team promptly for fever, increasing redness or discharge, worsening pain, rapidly increasing swelling, or persistent bleeding. Seek urgent care for severe symptoms.

Questions to discuss

What are the benefits and limitations of a prosthesis? Can it be placed during my planned surgery or later? What size options are available? How will it feel? What is my recovery plan and who should I contact with concerns?

Sources for further reading

• University Hospitals Sussex NHS - Radical Orchidectomy and Prosthesis

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