Orchiopexy is a surgery to pull one or both testicles down into the scrotum. There is an incision in the groin and on the scrotum.

HOME CARE

Care of the Incision:

It is very important to keep the incision area clean. Be sure to wipe from front to back after each bowel movement. Change diapers often (if your child is in diapers).

Bathing:

Follow the instructions given by your child’s surgeon:

________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

Urination:

Be sure your child urinates (goes to the bathroom) within 12 hours of surgery.

Pain:

Your child’s doctor has prescribed _________________________________ for pain. Follow the instructions given.

Fever:

Check your child’s temperature every 8 hours (while he’s awake) for the first few days. Some infants may run a fever [101° F (38.3° C)] for a day after surgery. Notify your child’s doctor if temperature is greater than 101.5° F (38.6° C).

Diet:

Your child may eat as usual when he is ready. Your child may vomit or have an upset stomach after surgery. This should go away by the day after surgery. If your child is having an upset stomach and/or vomiting, give him clear liquids until he is feeling better. Try offering Jell-O®, broth, Kool-Aid®, Popsicles®, or clear soda pop.

Activity:

Your child may return to most of his normal activities. Do not allow any strenuous exercise for two weeks or until your child’s follow-up appointment. No bicycle (or tricycle) riding, tree climbing, heavy lifting, or contact sports (like wrestling or football).

School:

Your child may return to school when he feels like it. Be sure your child does not participate in sports or gym class until after his follow-up appointment.
Follow-Up Appointments:

Call the surgeon’s office or clinic at _________________________ to make your child’s appointment. **It is very important for you to keep your appointment.**

**Children’s Mercy Hospital Surgery Clinic: (816) 234-3199**

**Children’s Mercy South Surgery Clinic: (913) 696-8570**

Call your child’s surgeon at (913) 491-0880 if:

- Your child has a fever greater than 101° F (38.3° C).
- Your child’s incision is red, swollen, or very painful, or has drainage.
- Your child is unable or refuses to drink.
- Your child continues to have vomiting for more than ________ hours.
- Your child is showing signs of dehydration (no tears with crying, decreased or no urination, listless).
- You have questions or concerns about your child’s surgery or care.