

Information for patients and carers

Newborn Infant Physical Examination (NIPE) Outcomes

Testes Referral

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Why are testicles checked during the examination (NIPE)?

Baby boys are checked to make sure their testicles are in the right place. During pregnancy, the testicles form inside the baby's body. They may not drop down into the scrotum until a few months after birth.

Around 2 to 6 in every 100 baby boys have testicles that descend partially or not at all. This needs to be treated to prevent possible problems later in life, such as reduced fertility.

A 'screen positive' result is the absence or incorrect position of one or both testes.

What happens after the NIPE examination?

Unilateral (one):

Babies with findings of unilateral undescended testis during the NIPE should be reviewed by the GP during the NIPE infant examination at 6 to 8 weeks of age.

Bilateral (two):

Babies seen with both undescended testes following a NIPE newborn examination will be seen for assessment by a senior paediatrician within 24 hours of the examination.

If you have any concerns, you can discuss them with your midwife or the healthcare professional who does the examination.

[Download a leaflet about screening tests for you and your baby from GOV.UK](#)

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/60f6a227e90e0764c5938398/Screening_tests_for_you_and_your_baby_easy_guide_NIPE_section_June_2020.pdf

Contact details

Should you require further advice or information please telephone:

The Antenatal and Newborn Screening Team on **01772 524693**

Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.

Sources of further information

www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk

www.nhs.uk

www.accessable.co.uk

www.patient.co.uk

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