

Hypospadias

Hypospadias (hy-po-SPAY-dee-us) is a birth anomaly in boys in which the tube that drains urine from the bladder to exit the body, called the urethra, opens on the underside of the penis instead of at the tip. With hypospadias, the opening of the urethra may be located anywhere along the underside of the penis. This can be treated by surgery. When hypospadias is not treated, it can result in problems learning to use the toilet, urine spraying when using the toilet, and a curved penis during erection. More severe forms of hypospadias can interfere with sexual intercourse later in life. In most cases, the exact cause of hypospadias is unknown. Sometimes hypospadias runs in families, but environment also may play a role.

Resources for families

Northwest support resources

- Oregon Family to Family Health Information Center
tinyurl.com/y8ed6er5
- Washington Parent to Parent (P2P) Programs
tinyurl.com/yaucv2mk

National/international/online resources

- Hypospadias and Epispadias Association (HEA)
tinyurl.com/ya5ma8o8
- Hypospadias group
tinyurl.com/yc5vq247
- UK online hypospadias support
tinyurl.com/yd3mve4w
- MDJunction support group online
tinyurl.com/y7t6zbjt

Information for you and your care team

- Family education materials: Children's Minnesota
tinyurl.com/yafnxeho
- Family education materials: Phoenix Children's Hospital
tinyurl.com/y85fscv4

Family stories

- Hypospadias and Epispadias Association personal stories
tinyurl.com/y7yfv8oh

Clinical trial information

- Children and Clinical Studies
tinyurl.com/y75s4twm
- Find an approved clinical trial
tinyurl.com/zp3jesq

Insurance information and help

- Getting insurance for children (OR)
tinyurl.com/ydfaaeoy
- Getting insurance for children (WA)
tinyurl.com/yca9lkey
- Understand your health insurance
tinyurl.com/ychy6qnz
- General/Oregon Health Plan Questions: 855-323-6744

Other resources

- Hypospadias UK
tinyurl.com/y94ntyhk
- Youth Rally - Camp for youth with disorders of the bowel or bladder
tinyurl.com/y9jrcvgl
- Camp Korey
tinyurl.com/ybqemxkq

Books for parents and children

- Bibliography available by calling the Oregon Family to Family Health Information Center at 855-323-6744
- Swindells' online library search
tinyurl.com/y9t2jwcx