



## HYDROCELE AND SPERMATOCELE INFORMATION

A Hydrocele occurs when fluid fills the membrane covering the front and sides of the testicle and epididymis in the scrotum.

### **Signs and Symptoms**

- Swelling on one or both sides of the scrotum.
- Usually not painful, but may be uncomfortable due to size and/or location.

### **Causes**

- Trauma to scrotum.
- Inflammation or infection of the epididymis.
- Unknown causes.

### **Treatment**

- Surgery to correct the problem (hydrocelectomy) if the hydrocele is causing pain and discomfort.

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A Spermatocele is a very common benign cystic accumulation of sperm often found in the head of the epididymis.

### **Signs and Symptoms**

- Smooth, firm, well-circumscribed mass along the testis.
- May or may not be painful.

### **Causes**

- Unknown.
- History of trauma, infection or inflammation.

### **Treatment**

- Ultrasound imaging of scrotum is used to diagnose spermatocele.
- Observation of simple spermatoceles and use of oral analgesics for pain relief.
- Surgery to correct problem (spermatocelectomy)