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ORCHidopexy: does Earlier Surgery affect Testicular Atrophy?

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Dear colleague,

We would like to invite you to take part in an international, multicentre audit of age at orchidopexy and early surgical outcomes.

This prospective audit has the support of both BAPU and BAPS and will be coordinated by the Paediatric Surgical Trainees Research Network. We are privileged to be supported by the Mark Gorry Foundation.

In 2011, BAPU made a consensus statement on treatment of undescended testes. <http://www.bapu.org.uk/udt-consensus-statement> This stated that the ideal timing for orchidopexy is between 3 to 6 months of age although between 6 to 12 months of age is acceptable.

This audit aims to establish the current rate of testicular atrophy post unilateral orchidopexy and define current referral patterns for treatment of undescended testes.

The data collection will be via secure online web entry of patient anonymised data. This method has been approved by the Caldicott guardian for the Oxford University NHS Trust (the lead site).

Each participating centre will be asked to register the audit with their hospital's audit department and have a consultant responsible for overseeing data collection.

A protocol is attached. If you have any queries or would like further information please don't hesitate to contact us on orchestra@pstrn.org.uk

We look forward to collaborating with you.

Best wishes,

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