

# *Facts about* **UNDESCENDED TESTICLE**

## UNDESCENDED TESTICLE IS ALSO CALLED **CRYPTORCHIDISM**

CRYPTORCHIDISM IS A  
**PAINLESS**  
CONDITION

### **NOT SEEING OR FEELING**

A TESTICLE WHERE YOU  
WOULD EXPECT IT TO BE  
IN THE SCROTUM IS THE  
**MAIN SIGN**  
OF AN  
UNDESCENDED  
TESTICLE

IT IS FOUND IN ABOUT

 **3-4%** OF NEWBORN BOYS

  
AND UP TO **21%** OF PREMIE BOYS

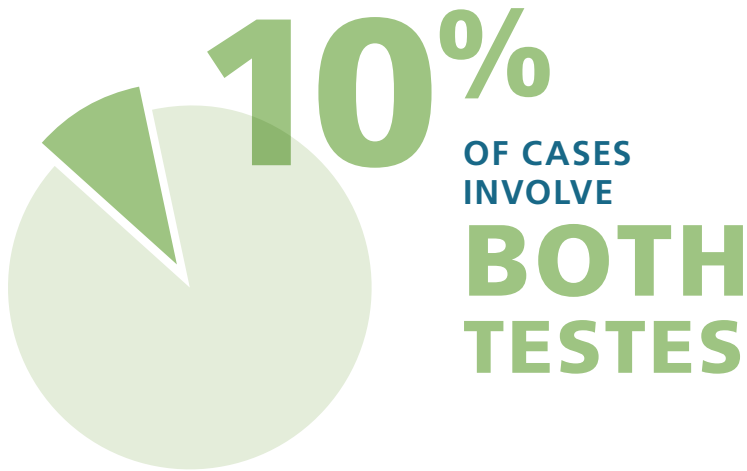
IN **MOST CHILDREN**  
WITH THIS HEALTH ISSUE, IT'S  
**NOT KNOWN WHY** THE  
TESTICLES FAIL TO DROP



CRYPTORCHIDISM IS  
**CONGENITAL**  
(MEANING IT IS  
PRESENT AT BIRTH)



# Facts about Undescended Testicle



**MYTH:** AN UNDESCENDED TESTICLE IS ALWAYS OBVIOUS IN BABIES

**FACT:** ABOUT 20 PERCENT OF CASES ARE FOUND ONCE A BOY IS NO LONGER A BABY. ALL BOYS SHOULD HAVE THE LOCATION OF THEIR TESTICLES CHECKED DURING EACH ANNUAL PHYSICAL EXAM.

**ALL BOYS** — even those whose testicles have properly descended — should learn how to do a testicular self-exam when they are teenagers to detect any lumps or bumps that might be early signs of medical problems

ABOUT  
**HALF**  
OF UNDESCENDED TESTICLES DROP ON THEIR OWN DURING THE **FIRST THREE MONTHS** OF LIFE



**14%** OF MALES WITH AN UNDESCENDED TESTICLE ALSO HAD A MALE RELATIVE WITH THE CONDITION



IN MOST CASES, **BOYS WITH ONE UNDESCENDED TESTICLE** ARE STILL ABLE TO HAVE CHILDREN OF THEIR OWN LATER IN LIFE

For more information about cryptorchidism, visit the Urology Care Foundation's website: [UrologyHealth.org/UndTestes](http://UrologyHealth.org/UndTestes)

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