

Children's Services

Reimplantation of ureter(s)

Why is my child having 'reimplantation of ureter(s)'?

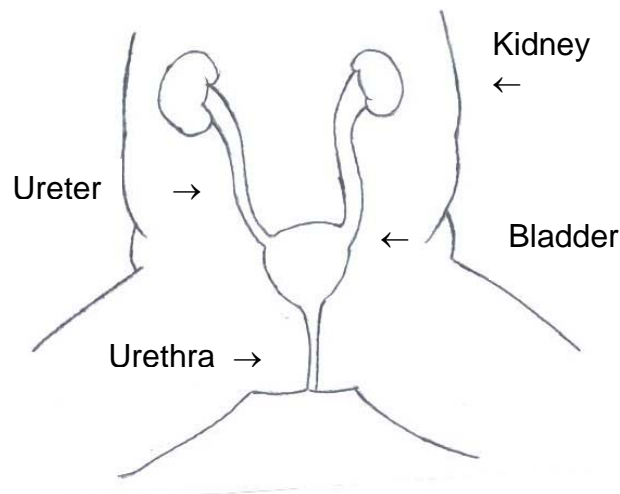
Your child has been diagnosed with a condition which affects the free flow of urine from the kidneys to the bladder. This may be:

- 'Vesico-ureteric reflux' (VUR or 'reflux') which means that urine back tracks up the ureters towards the kidneys.
- 'Megaureter' which is gross dilatation of the ureter.

or

- An obstruction at the point where the ureter joins the bladder.

These problems can cause urine infections which can damage kidneys. Reimplantation of ureters is an operation to alter the position of the ureter as it enters the bladder. The ureter is the tube that takes urine from the kidney into the bladder.



Admission to hospital

You will be asked to bring your son/daughter to one of the children's wards on the day prior to surgery. You will be seen by nursing staff, your doctors and an anaesthetist (who looks after your child while they are asleep for the operation). On the day of the operation a parent/carer will be able to accompany your child when (s)he goes to theatre for their operation and be present whilst your child goes to sleep. You will also be able to be present in the recovery area where your child wakes up.

The operation

A cut is made along the bikini line so that the bladder can be seen. The position at which the ureter(s) enters the bladder is altered. Your surgeon will discuss this in detail with you before you sign the consent form.

After the operation

Your child will return to the ward with a 'drip' which they will have until (s)he is taking drinks normally again. Your child will also have special tubes to drain their urine; these tubes are called 'stents' and 'suprapubic catheter'. After the operation the urine will be blood stained. After a few days the urine will begin to appear clearer; when this happens the stents will be removed. Then once your child has begun passing urine normally again the 'suprapubic catheter' will be removed. Removing these tubes is a simple procedure which takes place on the ward. A small dressing will be applied to the area after the tubes have been removed.

Going home

Your child will be able to go home when (s)he has had all tubes removed and is passing urine normally. Your child will have painkillers to take at home; your ward nurse will explain these to you.

Your child's wound should be kept clean and dry but your child should not be bathed for seven days after surgery. This is to help prevent a wound infection.

Once at home your child should continue to rest for a few days and avoid strenuous activity (for example, games or swimming) for two weeks. If your child develops a temperature or becomes unwell please contact your Nurse Specialist or GP.

Follow up

Your son/daughter will have an ultrasound approximately six weeks after discharge and a MAG 3 scan after approximately three months. You will then be seen in the outpatient clinic with the results of these scans.

What are the complications/risks of this operation?

Complications are rare. Rare complications include:

- Bleeding (very occasionally a blood transfusion will be required)
- Vesico-ureteric reflux may still occur

- Blockage of the ureter

If you have any queries please contact;

The wards you were on:

Your Nurse Specialist:

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Italian

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Gujarati

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Kurdish

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