

INGUINOSCR OTAL SWELLINGS

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Inguinoscrotal Swelling:

Either:

- Purely Inguinal or
- Purely Scrotal or
- Inguinoscrotal

Scrotal swelling

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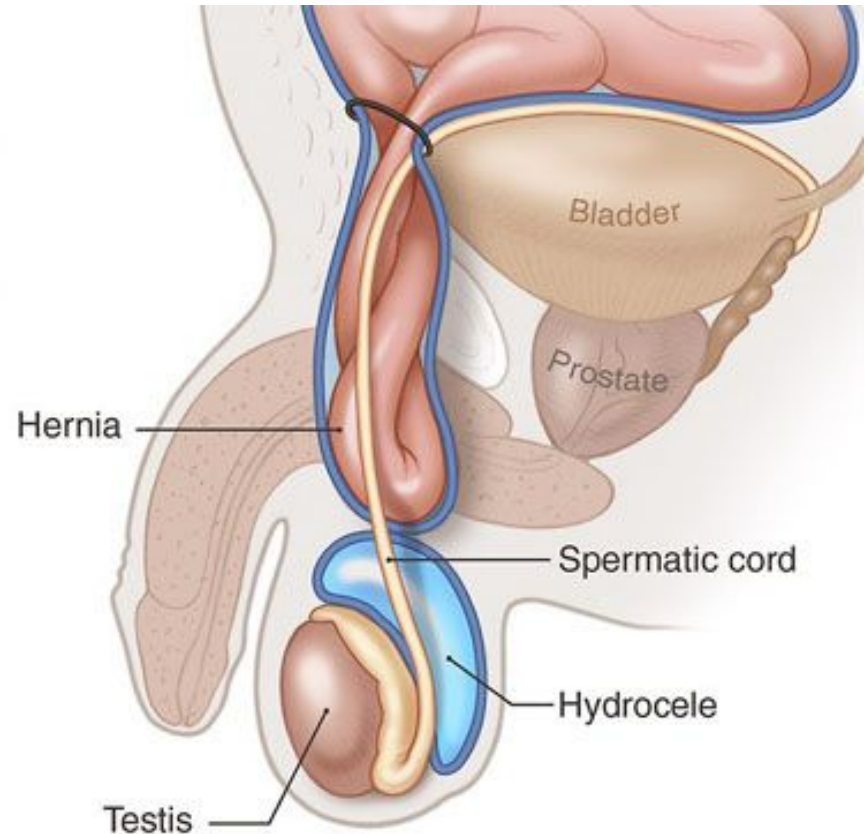
- Hydrocele
- Varicocele
- Spermatocele
- Inguinal hernia

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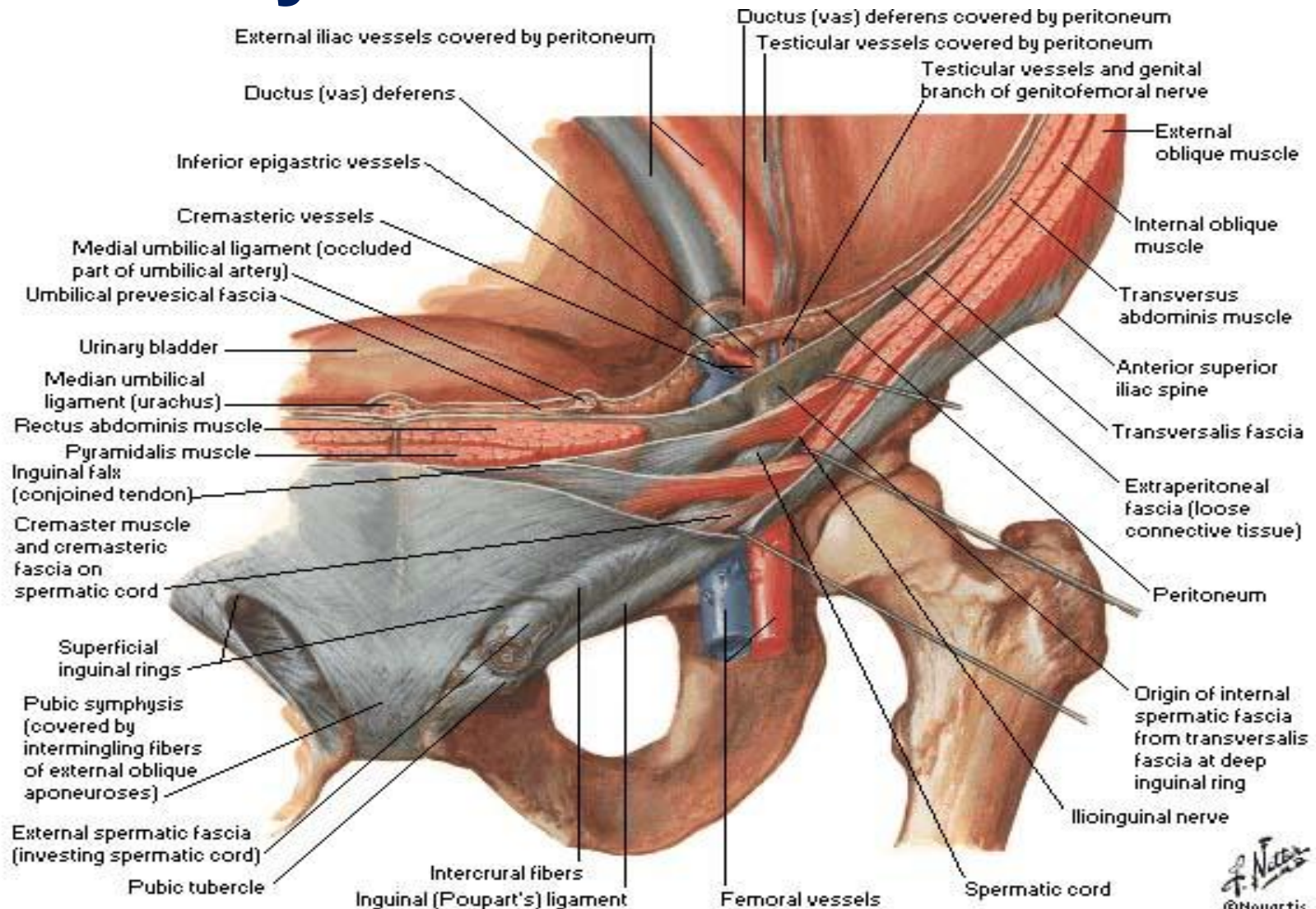
- Testicular torsion
- Epididymitis
- Orchitis
- Incarcerated hernia

Groin Hernias

- **Hernia** is a Protrusion of a viscous or part of a viscous through an abnormal opening in the wall of its containing cavity i.e through the wall of the cavity in which it is normally confined



Anatomy:



Direct / Indirect (or Femoral)

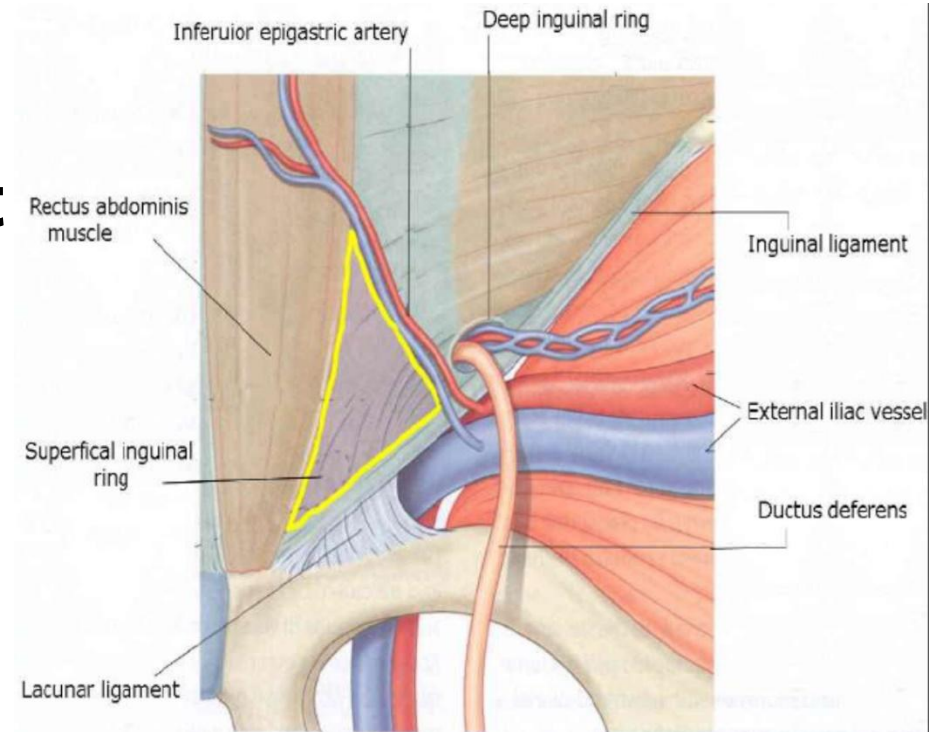
Inguinal Ligament

- Between the anterior superior iliac spine (**ASIS**) and the **pubic tubercle**, the lower border of the aponeurosis is folded backward on itself, forming **the inguinal ligament** .



Lacunar Ligament

- From the medial end of the ligament, the **lacunar ligament** extends backward and upward to the **pectineal line** on the superior ramus of the pubis



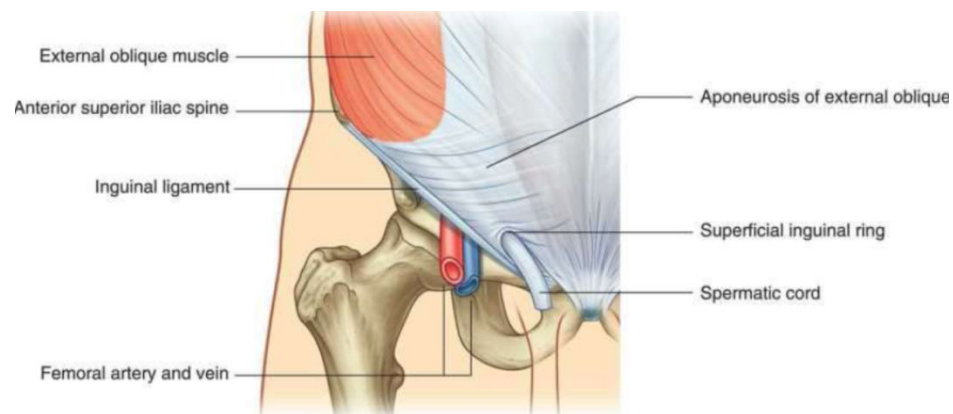
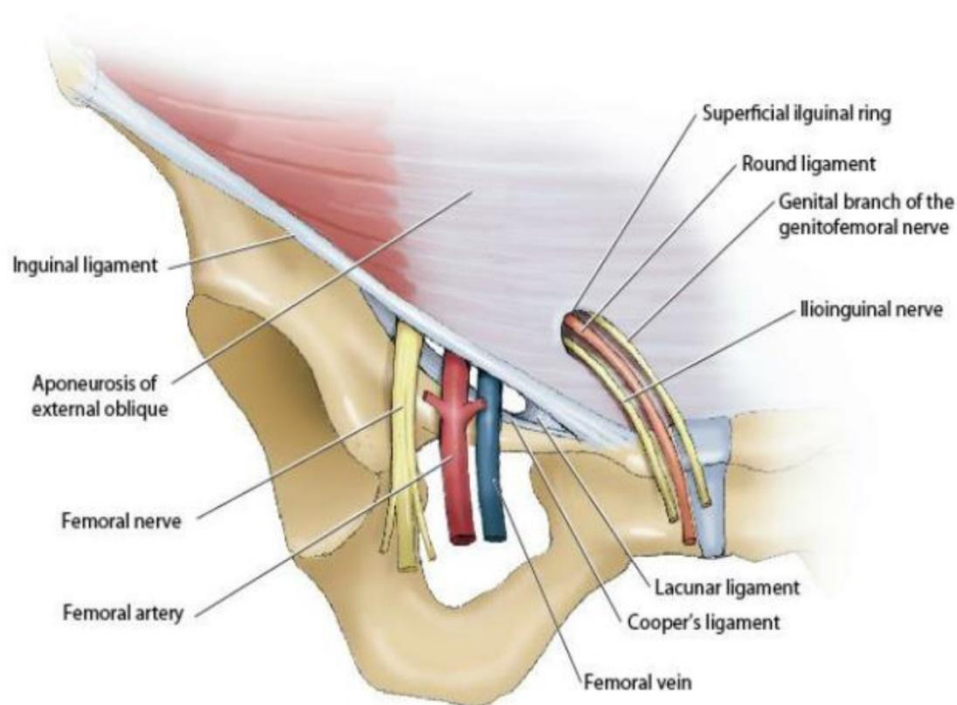
superficial inguinal ring

□ superficial inguinal ring

This is a triangular-shaped defect in the external oblique aponeurosis that lies immediately above and medial to the pubic tubercle

□ The spermatic cord (or round ligament of the uterus) passes through this opening and carries the external spermatic fascia (or the external covering of the round ligament of the uterus) from the margins of the ring

uterus. - نَبِيذ

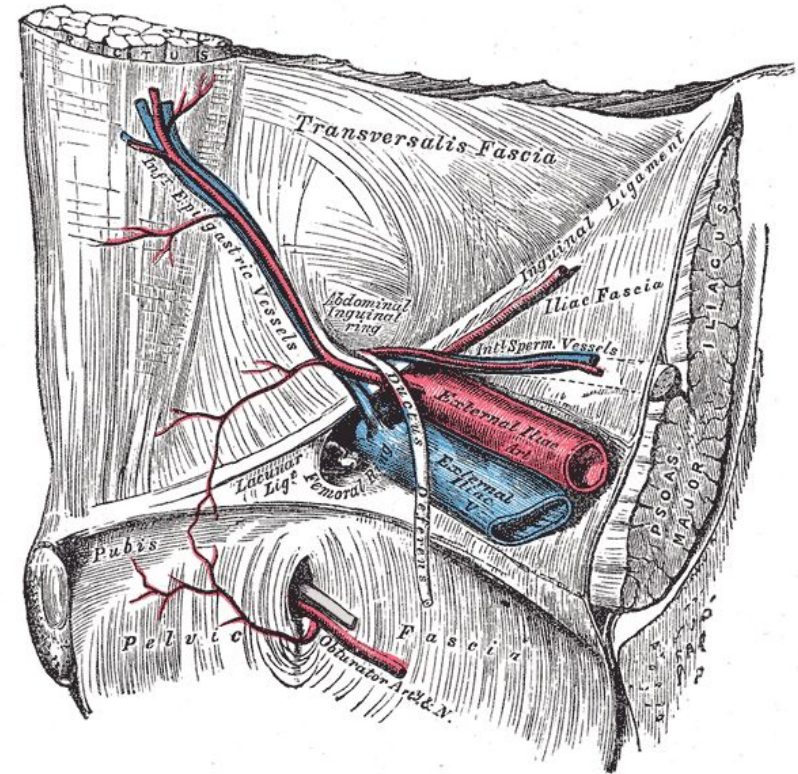
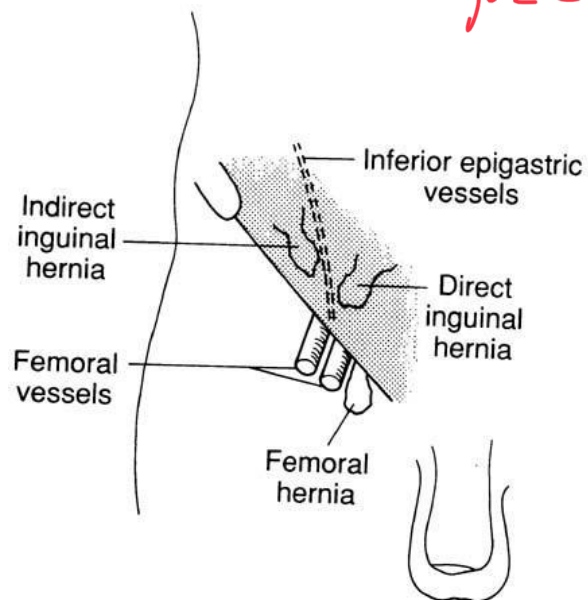


Deep Inguinal Ring

- **Deep Inguinal Ring:** *oblique inguinal hernia*

This is a circular or U shaped aperture in Transversus Abdominis just half an inch above the midpoint of inguinal ligament

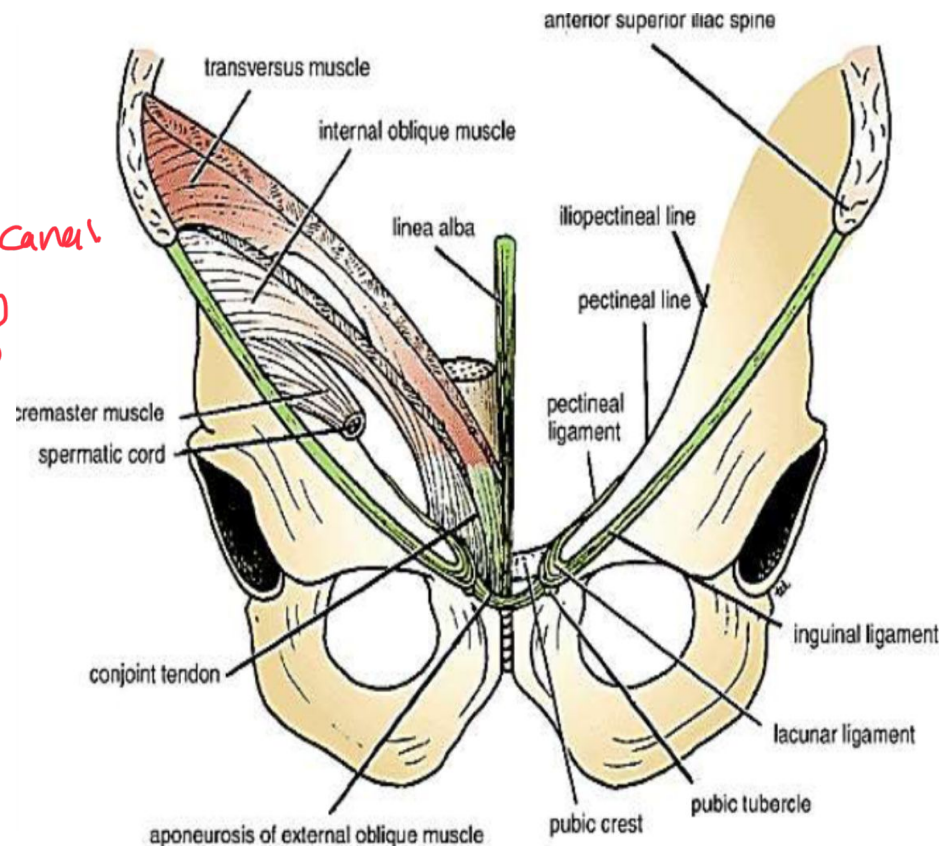
there is deep opening of oblique canal.



Hesselbach's Triangle

Conjoint Tendon

- Lower fibres of internal oblique are joined by similar fibers from the transversus to form the **conjoint tendon**. *part of inguinal canal*
in the Ant wall of inguinal canal [laterally]
↳ Post v v v v [medially]
- As the spermatic cord (or round ligament of the uterus) passes under the lower border of the internal oblique, it carries with it some of the muscle fibers that are called the **cremaster muscle**.



Inguinal Canal

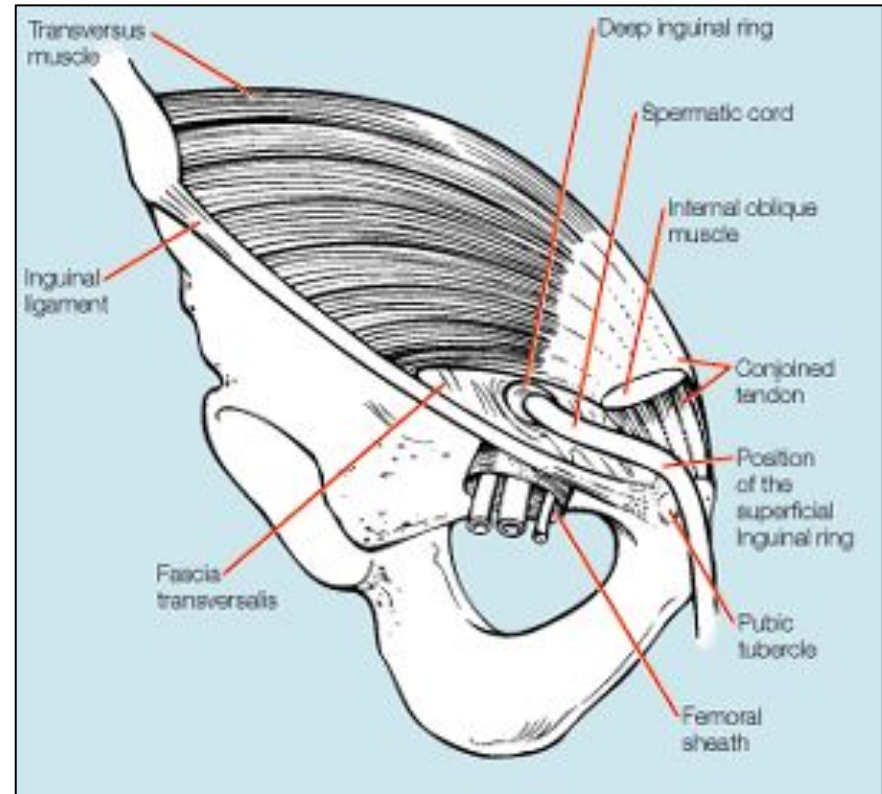
(Extending Obliquely between Superficial inguinal Ring and the Deep Inguinal Ring; Forwards and Medially...About 4 Cm Long)

□ Boundaries:

- **Anterior:** Ext. oblique aponeurosis & conjoined muscle laterally.
- **Posterior:** Fascia transversalis & the conjoined tendon.
- **Superiorly:** conjoined muscle
- **Inferiorly:** inguinal ligament

□ Contents:

- **Spermatic cord:** (*vas deferens, testicular & cremastic arteries, pampiniform plexus of veins, lymphatics*)
- Ilioinguinal nerve (L1)
- Genital branch of genitofemoral nerve
- **In Females** – Round ligament is present instead of spermatic cord.



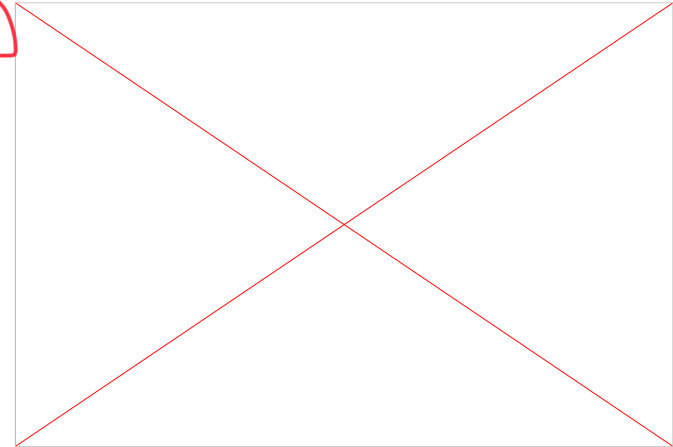
Femoral canal: *mid point of inguinal ligament.*

an anatomical compartment located in the anterior thigh.

It is the smallest and most medial part of the femoral sheath in the Femoral Triangle. It is approximately 1.3cm long.

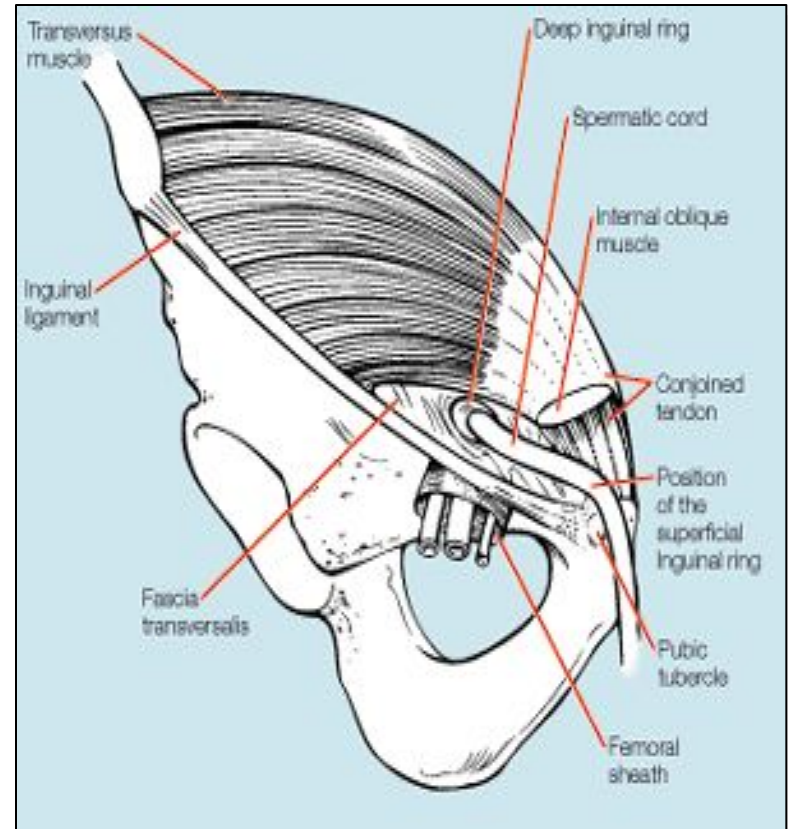
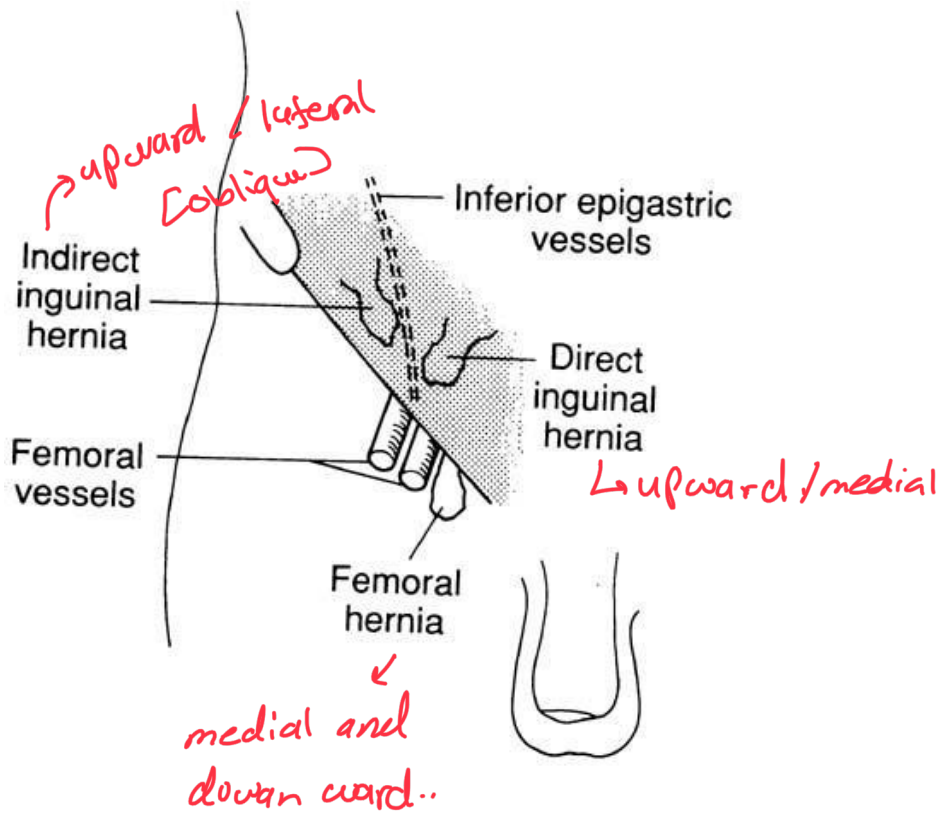
Rectangular shaped compartment with four borders and an opening:

- **Medial border:** lacunar ligament.
- **Lateral border:** femoral vein.
- **Anterior border:** inguinal ligament.
- **Posterior border:** pectineal ligament, superior ramus of the pubic bone, and the pectineus muscle
- The opening to the femoral canal is located at its **superior** border, known as the **femoral ring**.
- The femoral ring is closed by a connective tissue layer – **the femoral septum**. This septum is pierced by the **lymphatic vessels** exiting the canal.



Femoral Cana

Groin Hernias

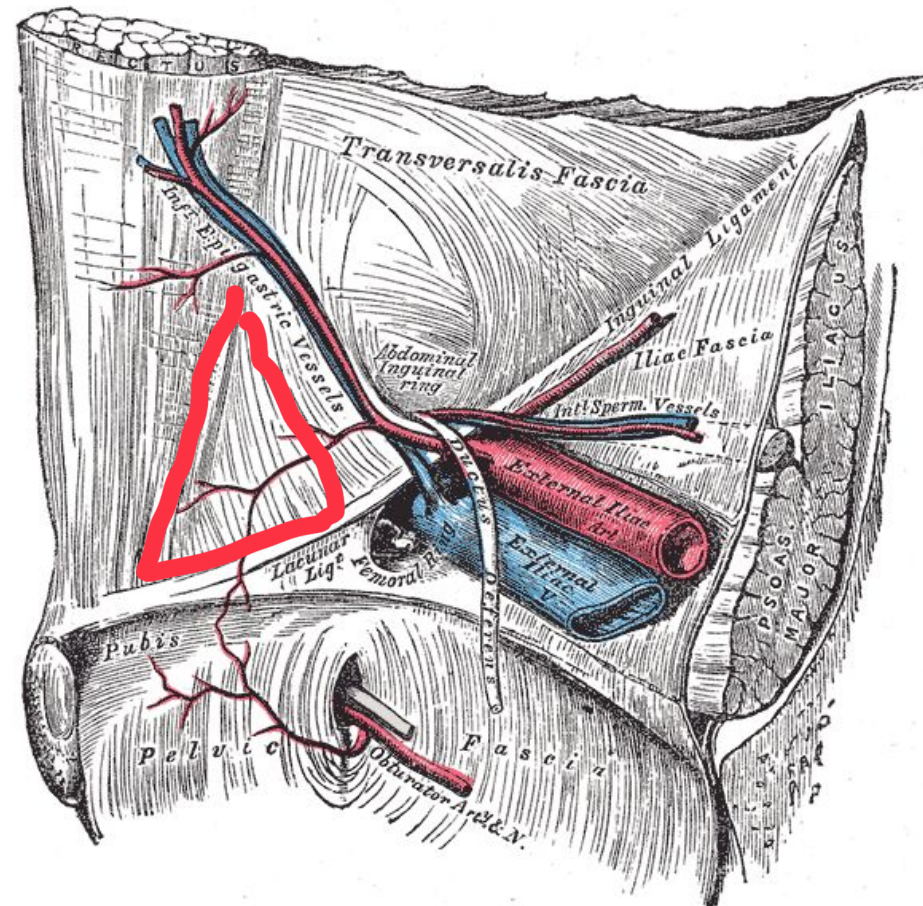


Hesselbach's Triangle

surgical management of inguinal hernia

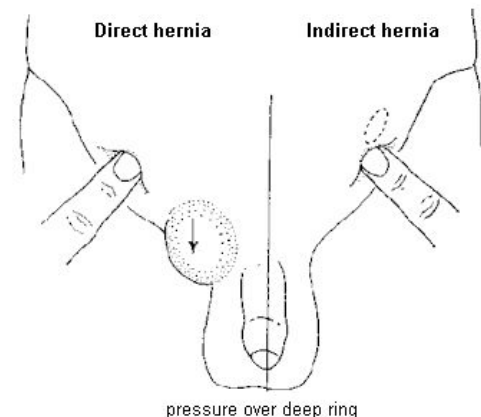
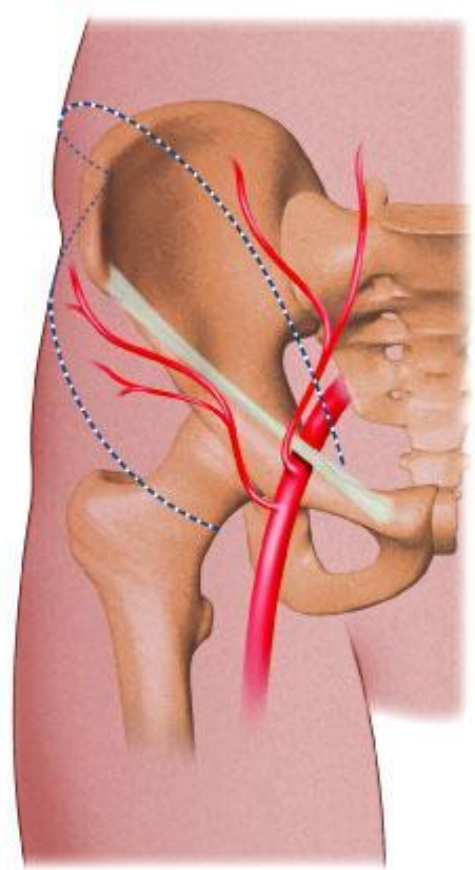
Three borders:

- **Medially:**
Rectus abdominis
- **Inferiorly:**
Inguinal Ligament
- **Superiorly and Laterally**
Inferior epigastric vessels



Midinguianal Point Vs Midpoint of Inguinal Ligament

- **Mid-inguinal point :**
Half way between ASIS and symphysis pubis
“landmark for **femoral artery** in groin”
- **Midpoint of inguinal ligament:**
Half way between ASIS and pubic tubercle –
“landmark for **Deep Inguinal Ring** and
indirect inguinal hernia”
“direct inguinal hernia Medial to this.”



HERNIA:

Aetiology and Contributing Factors :

The causes lead to:-
↑ abdominal pressure

coughing

straining
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obesity
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intra-abdominal malignancy, ascitis ,
weakness of the sheath..

post-operative ✓ [distruptive surgery]

congenital ✓

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Composition of a Hernia:

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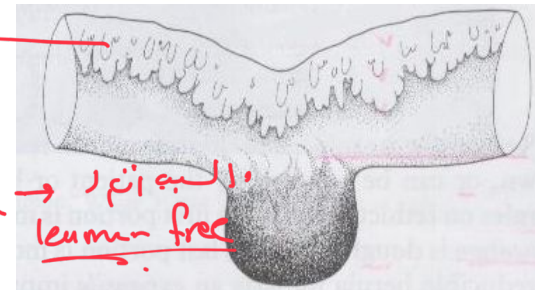
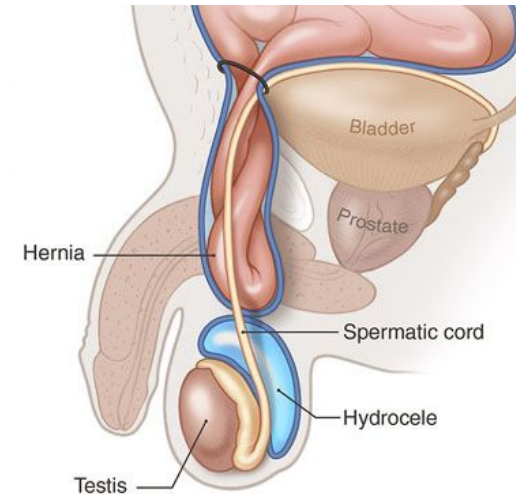
Types (in OIH):

- Congenital; complete; scrotal
- Funicular, (processus vaginalis closed **above epididymis**)
- Bubonocoele (hernia in inguinal canal still)

- Parts: - Fundus ✓
 - Body ✓
 - Neck ✓

Contents:

- Fluid
- Omentum [epi gastria]
- Part of bowel circumference (**Richter's hernia**)
- Organ or Part of an organ:
- Sliding hernia
- Little's hernia: organ; ovary, fallopian tube,
- Mickle's Diverticulum
- Amyand's Hernia : A normal or inflamed vermiform appendix found inside an inguinal hernia sac
- Dual or (Pantaloon) Hernia, Hernia with Two sacs, Direct and Indirect



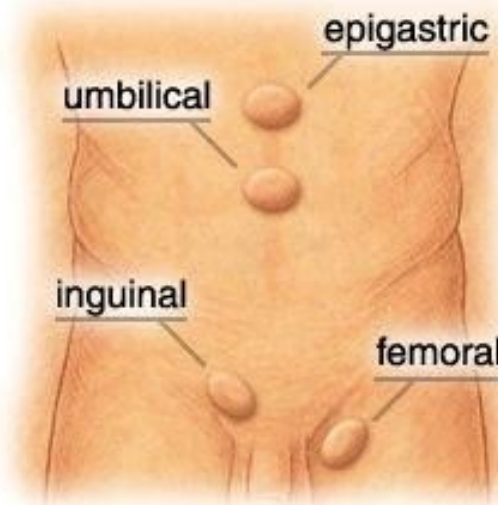
Coverings:

Types of Hernia (classification):

a) Anatomically:

- Inguinal
- Femoral
- Epigastric
- Umbilical
- Para-umbilical
- Spigelian
- Incisional

→ spleen hernia (if) [lateral border of the rectus sheath].



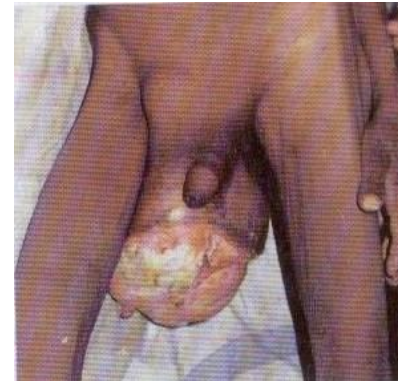
b) Pathologically:

- Reducible
- Irreducible
- Obstructed
- Strangulated
- Inflamed

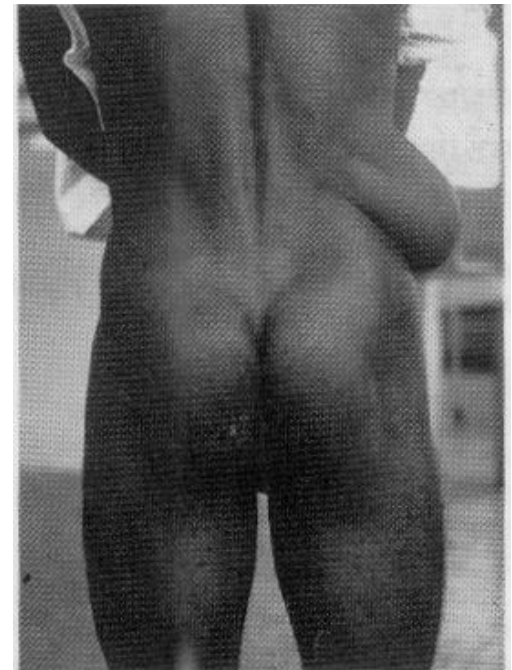
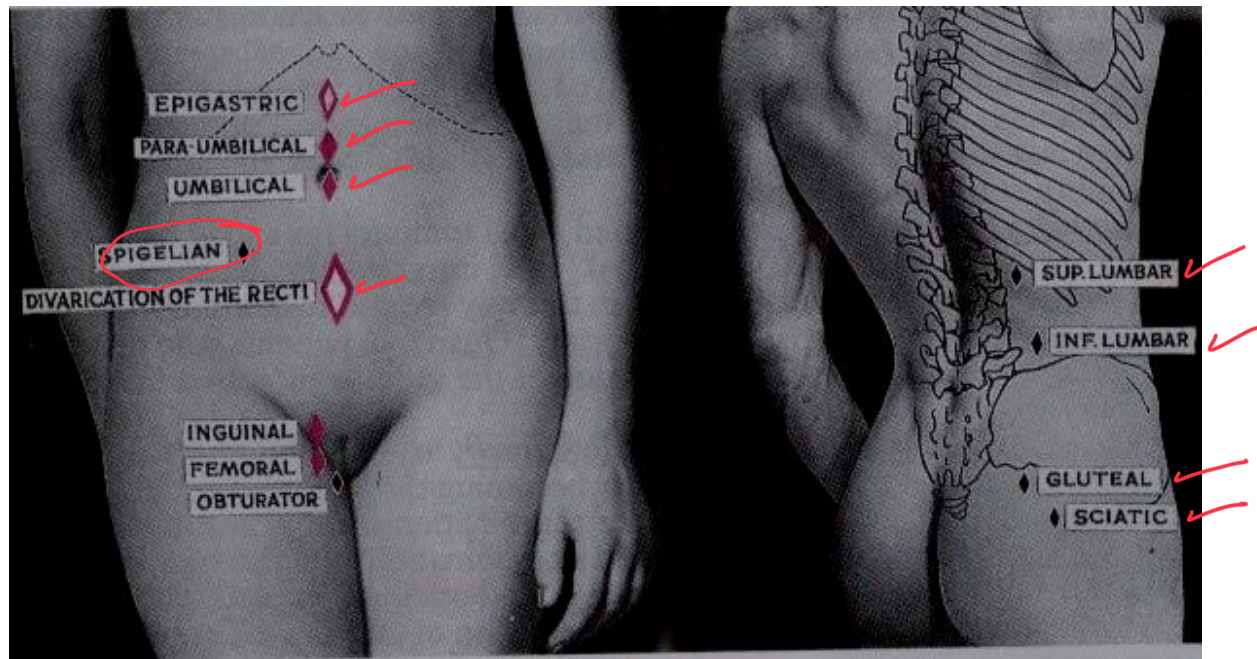
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بآفة حفرية أو تقرح

Ascitis



Hernias; anatomically



HISTORY TAKING:

Personal history:

age, sex, type of work,.....

C/O: Swelling..... Duration

Pain.. Since.....

HPI: Analysis of presenting complaint

How does it happen!?

Associated symptoms:

redcibility, reddness,..skin ulceration

vomiting

constipation

constitutional symptoms: fever,....

H/O: cough, constipation, urinary problems, lifting heavy objects

Ask for ? Occult hernia: internal H, *complicated H*: strangulation, obstruction, inflammation, peritonitis,....etc

clinical systemic review....

*Past History:

medical.... [cough - abdominal mass or ulcer]

surgical... operations

Hernia Examination

Rule of Thumb:

- **Examine Hernia patient Both on:**
Standing and Lying down position
- **Always Ask your patient to reduce his/her hernia him/her self**
- **Patient:** Standing (stripped below the waist)
- **Examiner:** Sitting (from aside & front)

Inspection:

- Ask pt to stand up
- Examine from in front
- Ask pt to cough:
observe the lump
- **Inguinal hernias** into corner of mons above groin crease
- **Femoral hernia** bulges into or below medial end of groin crease (below inguinal ligament)



Palpation:

- Examine the scrotum and it's contents
- Can you get above the lump?....
If so it's not a hernia

Feel the lump

- Position
scrotal neck test
- Temperature
- Shape
- Size
- Tension
- Tenderness
- Composition
- Cough impulse

Cough impulse

- Compress lump with fingers
- Ask pt to cough
- If lump expands = **cough impulse** (Zieman's test)



Reducibility of a Hernia

Is the swelling reducible?

- **Ask patient** himself to reduce it first
- **Compress** the lump to reduce tension
- **Lift** hernia up to external ring
- **Slide fingers** upwards and laterally towards internal ring

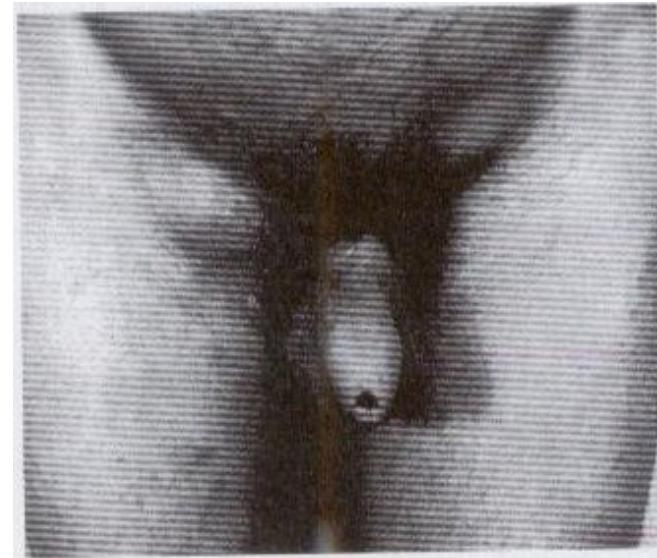


Pubic tubercle test:

(To differentiate between Inguinal & Femoral)

The Idea is to check Where does hernia reduce in relation to pubic tubercle?

- **Above and Medial=Inguinal Hernia**
- **Below and Lateral=Femoral Hernia**



DIRECT OR INDIRECT INGUINAL HERNIA

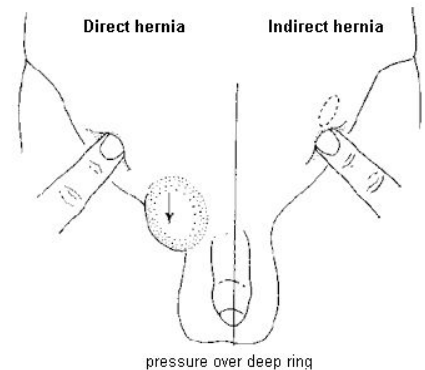
i. Internal Ring Test

***Is hernia reduction maintained by pressure over internal ring?**

- Yes = Indirect hernia
- No = Direct hernia
(reduction only maintained by pressure over external ring)

***Remove hand and watch hernia reappear**

- Indirect hernias slide obliquely along canal
- Direct hernias project directly forward



ii. DIGITAL PALPATION TEST:

To: D.D BETWEEN DIRECT FROM INDIRECT INGUINAL HERNIA:

The Test: on inagination of the scrotal skin through the superficial ring into inguinal canal:

The Nail of little finger lies against the cord:

IF HERNIAL SAC HITS THE NAIL : INDIRECT HERNIA,...

R. Hand for R. side

L. Hand for L. side

Percussion & Auscultation

- May be resonant by percussion if gas-filled bowel
- May have audible bowel sounds by auscultation
- Examine the other side
- Examine the abdomen for causes of raised intra-abdominal pressure

Differential diagnosis of Groin swelling:

- Inguinal hernia
- Femoral hernia
- Lymph node
- Sapheno-varix *Quesad*
- Ectopic testis
- Psoas abscess
- Lipoma
- Hydrocele

→ Psoas M. from Pelvic → Post to inguinal ligament
(VAN) vessels in the psoas...

Is the Swelling Inguinal, Scrotal or inguinoscrotal?

DO: **Scrotal Neck Test** :

“ neck is hold between the Thumb in front
and the other fingers from behind”

* If you can get above the swelling;
then it is purely scrotal swelling eg, vaginal hydrocele

* If you cannot get above the swelling;
then it is inguinoscrotal swelling:
eg, big oblique inguinal hernia

Diagnosis of a Hernia:

- Anatomical Diagnosis
- Pathological Diagnosis
- Operative Diagnosis
- Differential Diagnosis

Repair of inguinal hernia:



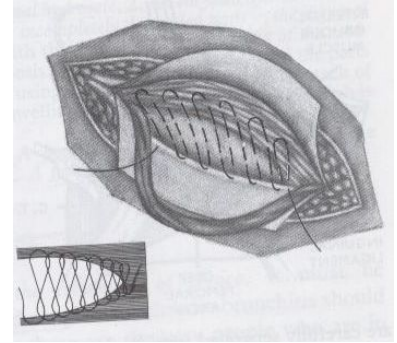
- Inguinal incision : parallel and one inch above medial 2/3 of inguinal ligament
- Inguino-scrotal incision : for strangulated oblique hernia
- Division of external oblique aponeurosis in same direction of skin incision
- Isolation of spermatic cord with preservation of ilio-inguinal nerve
- Dissection of hernial sac which lies anterior to other contents of cord (vas deferens , testicular vessels, lymphatics and nerve fibers)

HERNIOTOMY:

- Dissection of hernial sac is done down to the neck of sac which is identified by :
 - Narrowest part of sac
 - Surrounded by collar of fat
 - Inferior epigastric artery is medial to neck
- Herniotomy by transfixion of neck of sac and removal of sac above the ligature
- In infants herniotomy alone is enough (no need for repair)

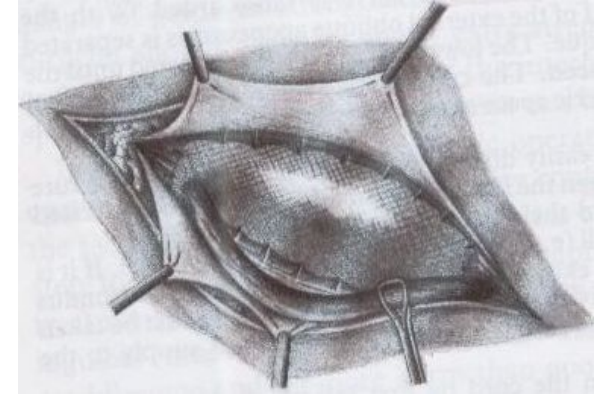


HERNIORRAPHY (Hernia Repair)



- In children only narrowing of internal ring is done
- plication of fascia transversalis
- Bassini repair : suture of conjoint tendon to inguinal ligament
- Bloodgoods repair : triangular flap is taken from lower part of rectus sheath and sutured to inguinal ligament
- Shouldice repair : division of fascia transversalis transversely then overlapping the lower part by the upper part (double breasting) behind cord
- Darn repair: two layers of continuous non-absorbable sutures between conjoint tendon and inguinal ligament starting from pubic tubercle up to above deep ring and back to the starting point

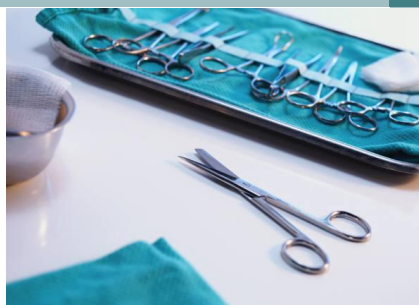
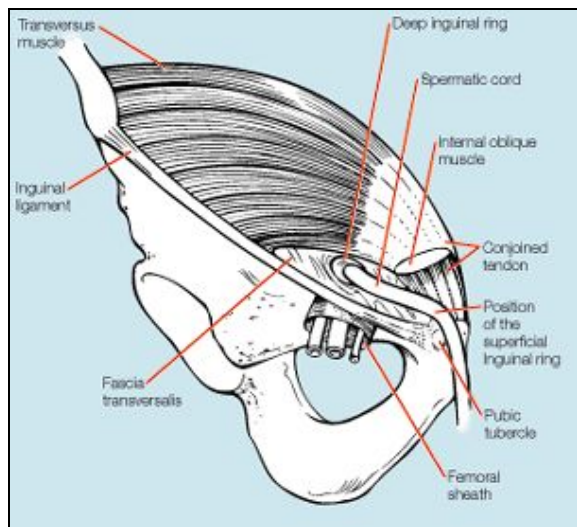
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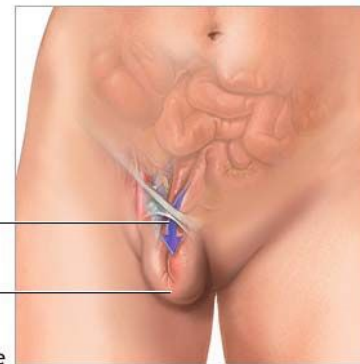
- Synthetic mesh is put over fascia transversalis in space between conjoint tendon and inguinal ligament
- The mesh is formed of either one layer or formed of 2 layers
- The mesh is fixed in place by few non-absorbable sutures
- used it in only recurrent cases, old age, large defects or weak musculature
- Suturing external oblique aponeurosis
- Closure of skin with drain

LAP versus OPEN hernia repair:

- LAP hernia repair is not cost effective compared to OPEN repair
 - Recurrence rate higher (disadvantage)
 - Return to work sooner (advantage)
- For patients with unilateral and recurrent hernias, LAP repair is cost effective option for some patients



Femoral
hernia
Herniated
intestine
causing
visible bulge



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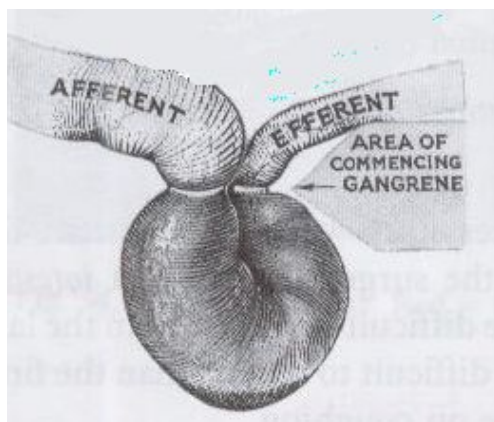
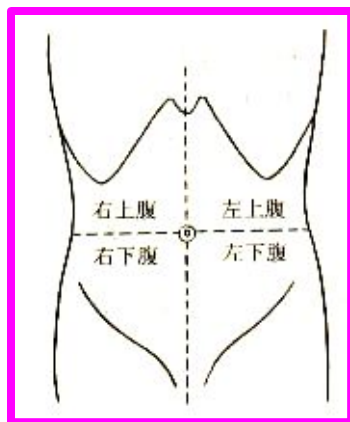
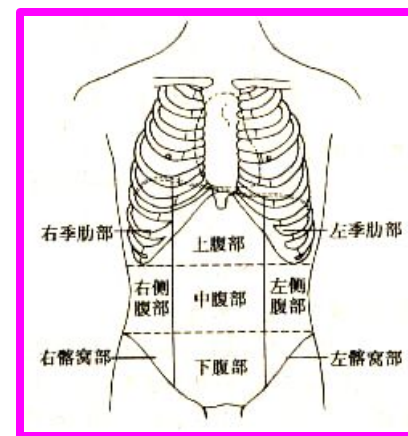
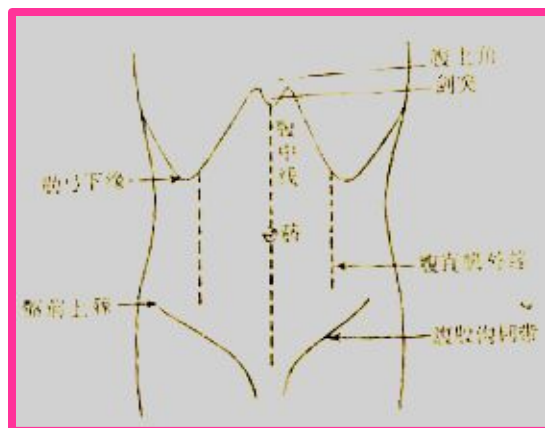
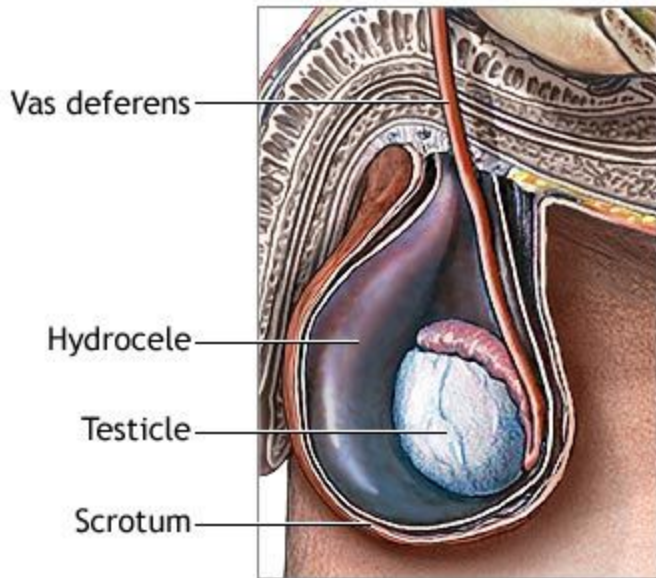
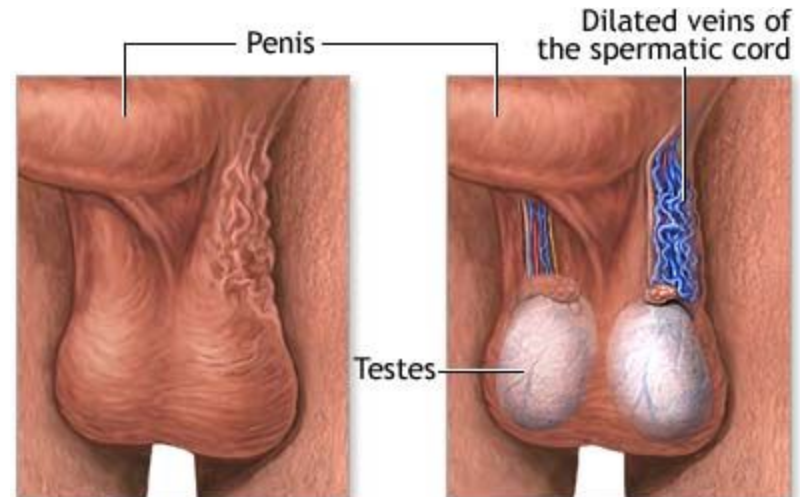


图 7-5 腹部侧位观察法

Varicocele



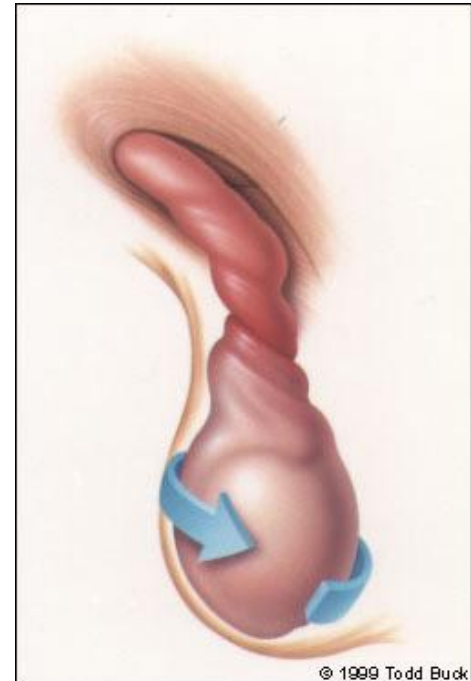
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A varicocele can be felt and sometimes be seen as a tortuous mass on the surface of the scrotum

A varicocele is made up of veins that contain inadequate valves

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Neonatal Torsion :About 10% (prenatal 70% and postnatal 30%)

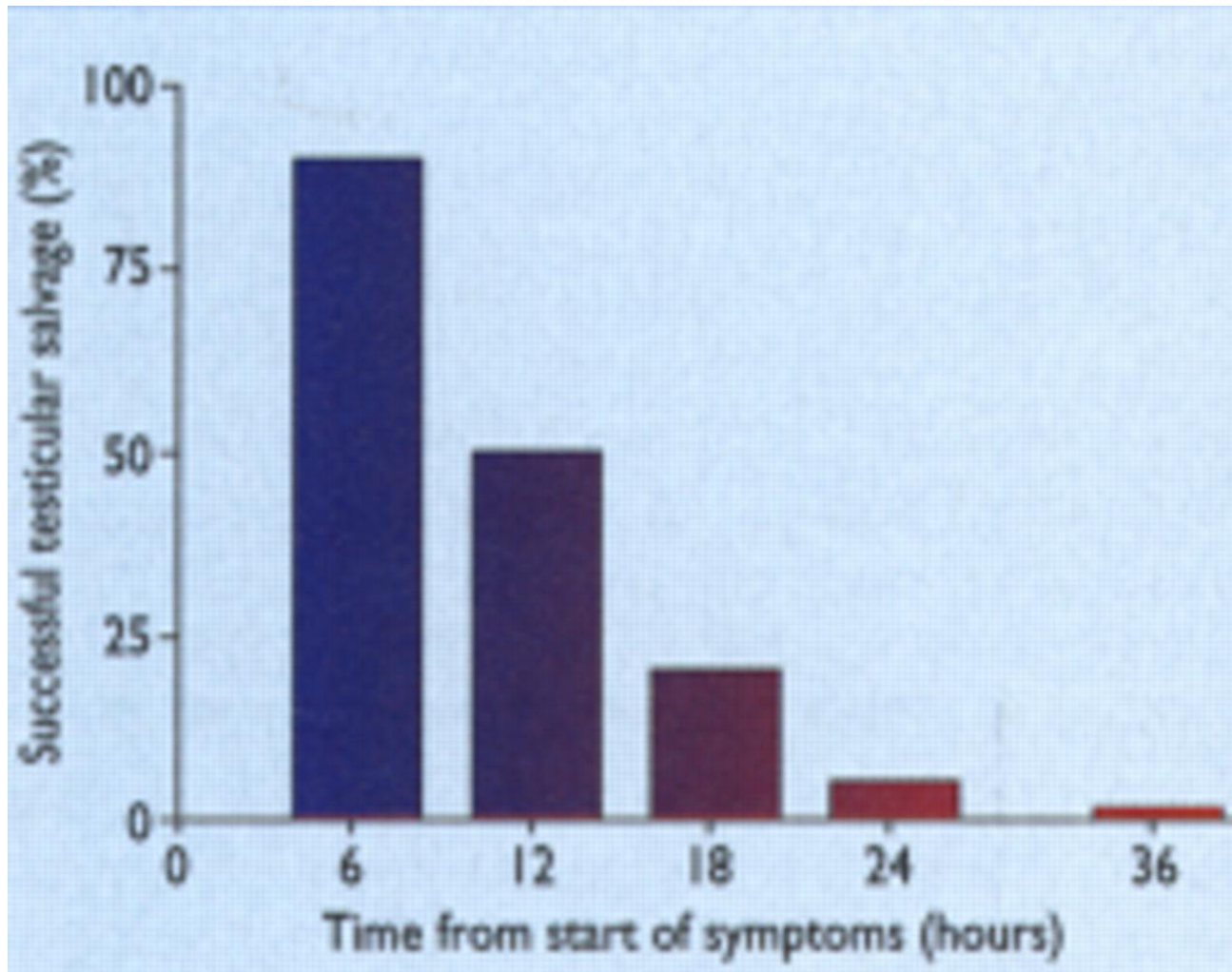
It presents as a firm asymptomatic testicular mass with in a high or inguinal position and bruising of the scrotal skin.

No viability at exploration in 80-100% of cases.

Testicular torsion in older boys and adults:

- Many cases of 'epididymitis' treated with antibiotics.
- Slight left sided bias, incidence higher in winter months
- Major predisposing factor is undescended testis
- Symptoms include severe testicular pain which may radiate to the groin +/- nausea and vomiting.
- Examination - gentle. high riding or horizontal testis. No specific pathognomonic clinical signs to differentiate from epididymitis.
- Treatment - successful testicular salvage highly dependent on time b/w start of symptom and surgery. Detorsion and fixation of viable testis. contra lateral testis fixed at same time.

Rates of testicular salvage by time from start of symptoms.



Cystic scrotal swellings

- Separate from testis
 - Epididymal cysts
 - Spermatocoele
- Testis lies within swelling
 - Hydrocoele
 - Haematocoele - does not transilluminate

Solid scrotal masses

- **Separate from testis**
 - Acute/chronic epididymitis
 - Torsion of hydatid of Morgagni
- **Within the testis**
 - Testicular tumour
 - Torsion of testis
 - Orchitis- bacterial/viral (mumps, influenza, TB, STD)
 - Testicular gumma

Scrotal mass not confined to scrotum:

- Examiner is **unable to get above**
 - Inguino- scrotal hernia
 - Varicoecoele of the pampiniform plexus
 - Encysted hydrocoele of the spermatic cord

Hydrocoele:

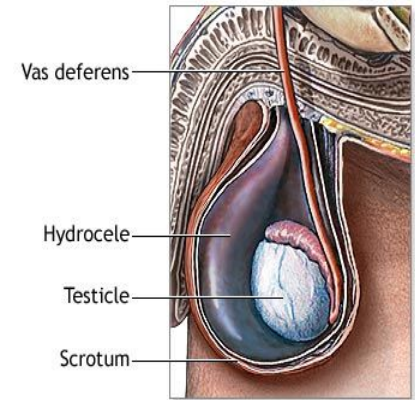
- Result of excessive fluid in tunica vaginalis

Types:

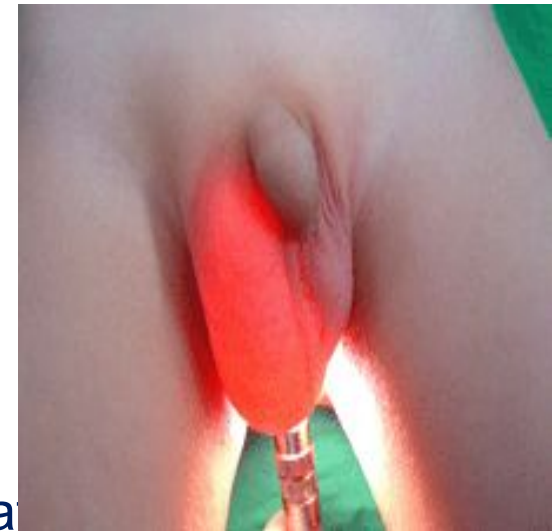
- Congenital/acquired
- Primary – usually, No testis. Tends to be large and tense. Common in young boys
- Secondary to a pathology eg- tumour, infection, and torsion

Clinical Picture:

- Presentation is usually as a soft non tender and cystic swelling in scrotum which transilluminates. One can get above lesion. Testis lies within fluid collection and is not palpable
- Conservative mgt. Scrotal support. Refer if symptomatic children > 1 yr. ? needle aspiration, surgery.
- Secondary- : Treat underlying cause



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Types of Hydroceles:

- The presence of fluid within the hemiscrotum imparts little clinical impact on the testis.

Types according to the cause:

I. CONGENITAL:

II. ACQUIRED:

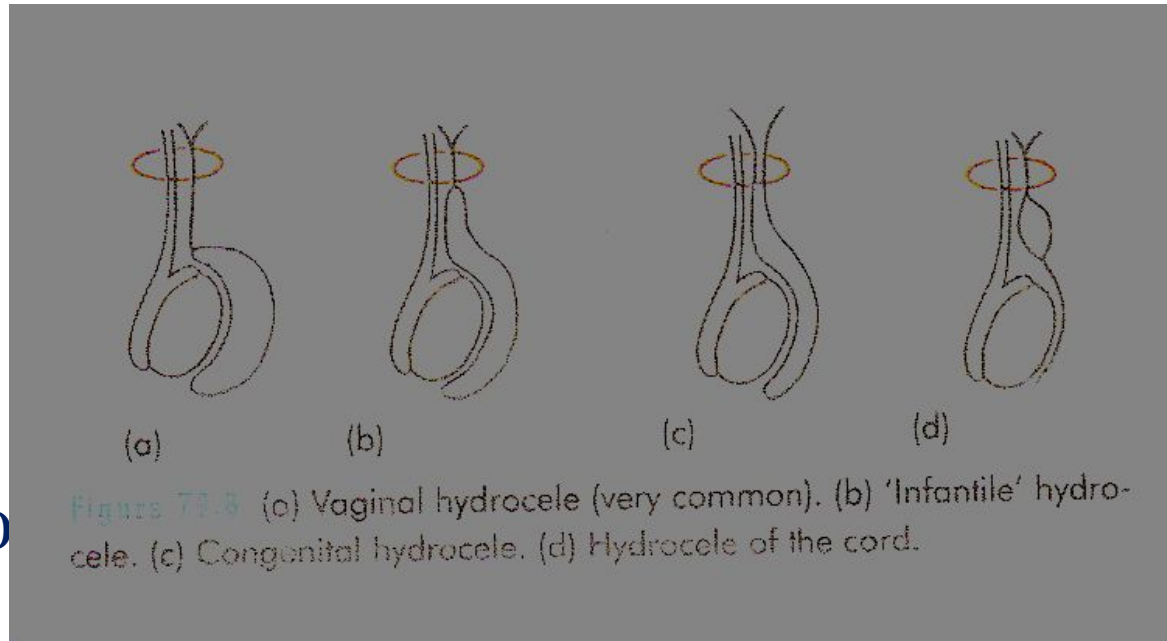
- **Primary, or Idiopathic**
 - Congenital
 - Infantile
 - Vaginal

- **Secondary (acute or chronic)**

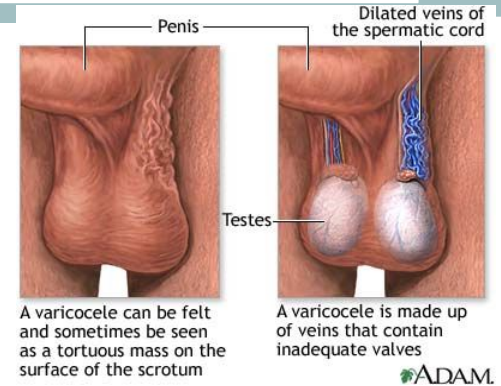
- Inflammations
- Tumours
- Pos-varicocelelectomy (approximately 7%) and male infertility

- Hydrocele of spermatic cord:

- . Encysted
- . Hydrocele of hernial sac



Varicocoele



- Varicose veins in the pampiniform plexus of the spermatic cord and scrotum. affects 15 - 20% of males. rare after 40 years.
- Most are asymptomatic found during investigation for infertility in 40 % males.
- Pelvic mass compressing venous drainage of testicle

Clinical Picture:

- Dull ache at the end of the day or following exercise
- Dragging or feeling of heaviness
- Visible on standing and feels like a 'bag of worms', Positive cough impulse. Disappears when recumbent

Treatment:

- Surgical intervention only if painful, infertile or testicular atrophy

Testicular tumors:

- Most common cancer in men ages 20 – 40
- Most growths in scrotum are benign.

C/O: painless lump in scrotum or in testicle or
unexplained pain in one testis.
May Present with hydrocoele.

O/E: Mass is hard and does not transilluminate
Predisposing factor is History of undescended testis

Labs: tumour markers **LDH**, **AFP** and **HCG**

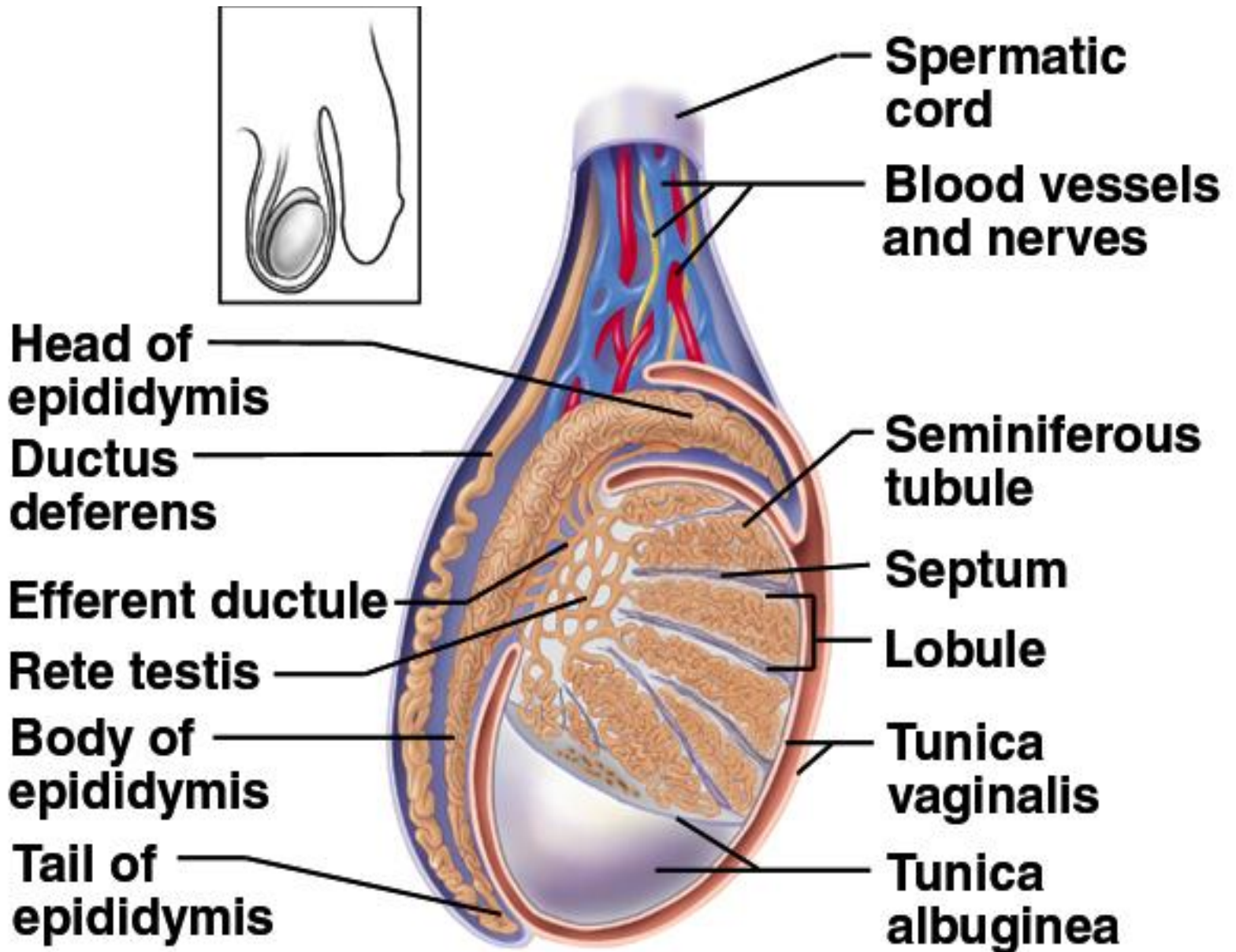
Rule of Thumb:

Consider neoplasia in any swelling or mass in the body of testis.

Consider urgent US in men with scrotal mass that does not transilluminate and when body of testis cant be distinguished

Epididymitis

- Inflammation of epididymis +/- orchitis
- Predisposing factors ;UTI, Urethral instrumentation, common organisms; E.coli and Chlamydia with history of discharge
- **C/O:** pain and swelling, inflammation, fever +/- rigors.
- Prehn's sign: **scrotal elevation relieves pain**
- Secondary hydrocoele, Clinically indistinguishable from torsion
- **Labs:** –CBC,blood culture,msu,plain abdo xray, IVU/USS
- **Trt:**–rest, scrotal elevation, broad spectrum antibiotics, NSAIDs and non exertion for 1-3 wks



Summary:

Decide the answer of four questions:

1- Can you get above the swelling?

2- Can you identify the testes & the epididymis?

3- Is the swelling translucent?

4- Is the swelling tender?

Swellings NOT Confined to the Scrotum:

- Cough Impulse
- Reducible
- Testis palpable
- Opaque



HERNIA

- No cough impulse
- Not reducible



- Testis not palpable
- CYSTIC
- TRANSLUCENT

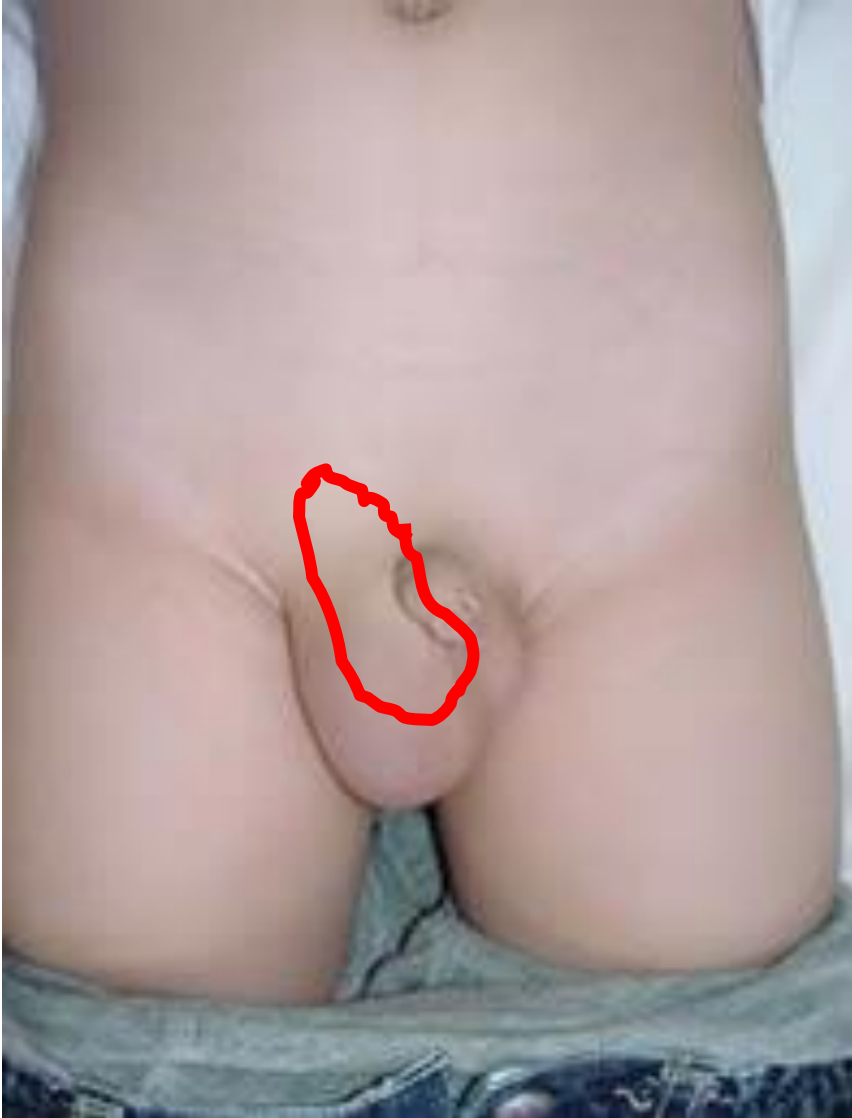
HYDROCELE

Swellings NOT Confined to the Scrotum:



- Cough Impulse
- Reducible
- Testis palpable
- Opaque

Swellings NOT Confined to the Scrotum:



- No cough impulse
- Not reducible

- Testis not palpable
- CYSTIC
- TRANSLUCENT



Swellings Confined to the Scrotum:

Testis & Epididymis NOT Definable

Translucent



Vaginal Hydrocele

Opaque

**Not
Tender**



Ch. Hematocele

Gamma / Tumour

Tender



- Torsion
- Acute Hematocele
- Severe epid.orchitis

Swellings Confined to the Scrotum:

Testis & Epididymis NOT Definable

Translucent

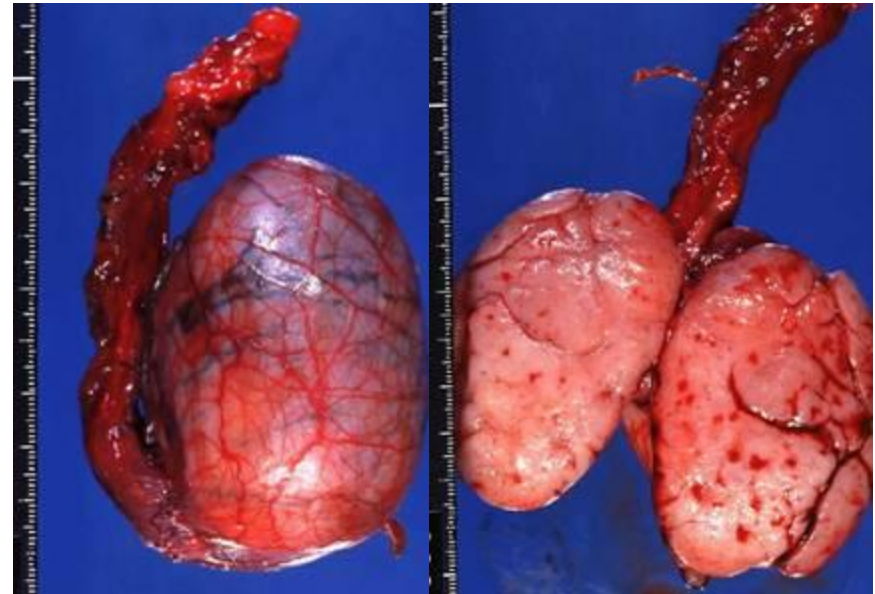
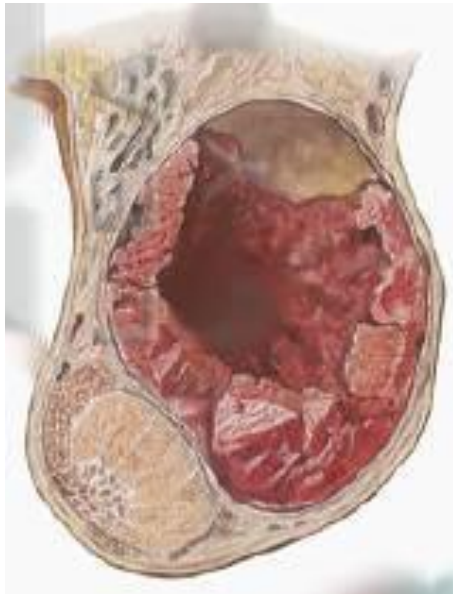


Swellings Confined to the Scrotum:

Testis & Epididymis NOT Definable

Opaque

Not Tender

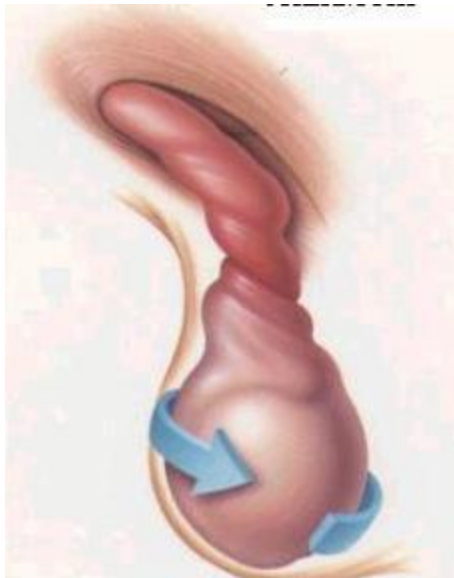


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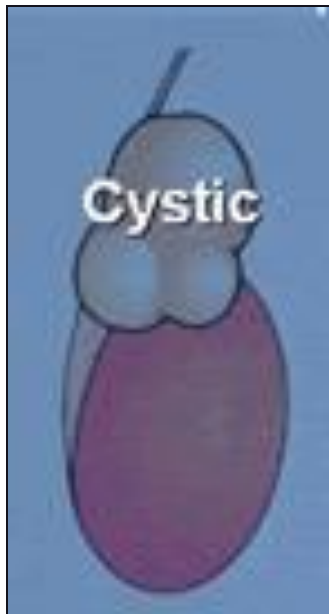
Tender



Swellings Confined to the Scrotum:

Testis & Epididymis DEFINABLE

Translucent



Epididymal Cyst

Hydrocele of Cord

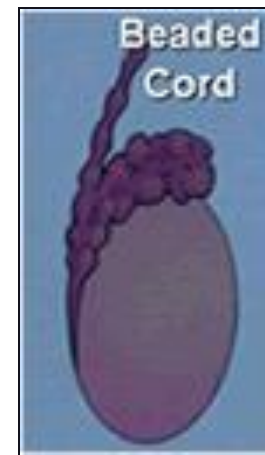
Opaque

TENDER



**Acute
Epididymo-
-orchitis**

NOT TENDER



**TB
Epididymis**



**Tumour
(early)**

Cystic & Opaque (Spermatocele)

Swellings Confined to the Scrotum:

Testis & Epididymis DEFINABLE

Translucent

Cystic



Swellings Confined to the Scrotum:

Testis & Epididymis DEFINABLE

Opaque

TENDER

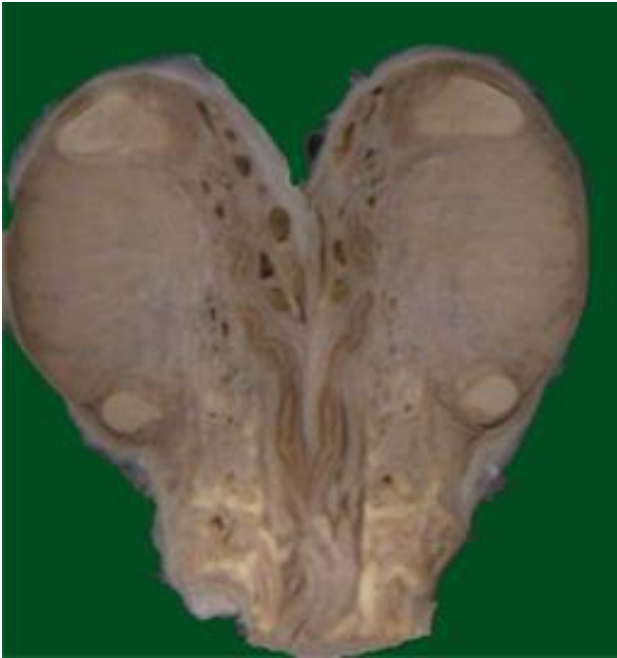


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Opaque

NOT TENDER

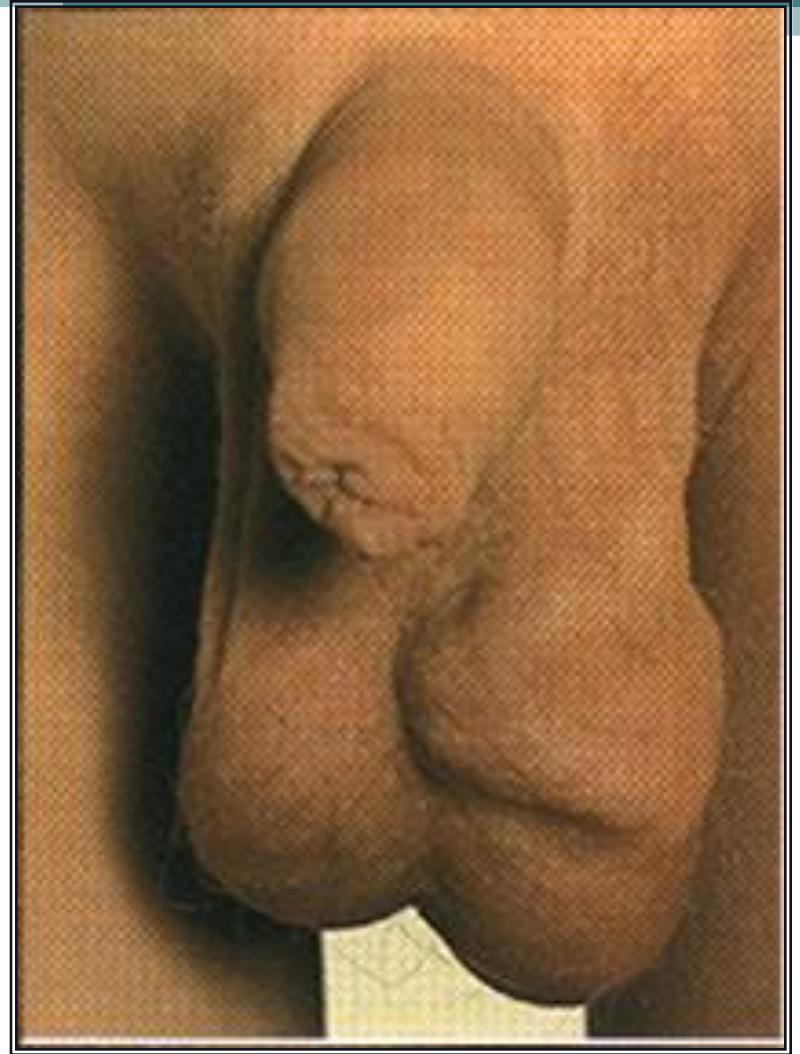


Inguino- scrotal Swelling

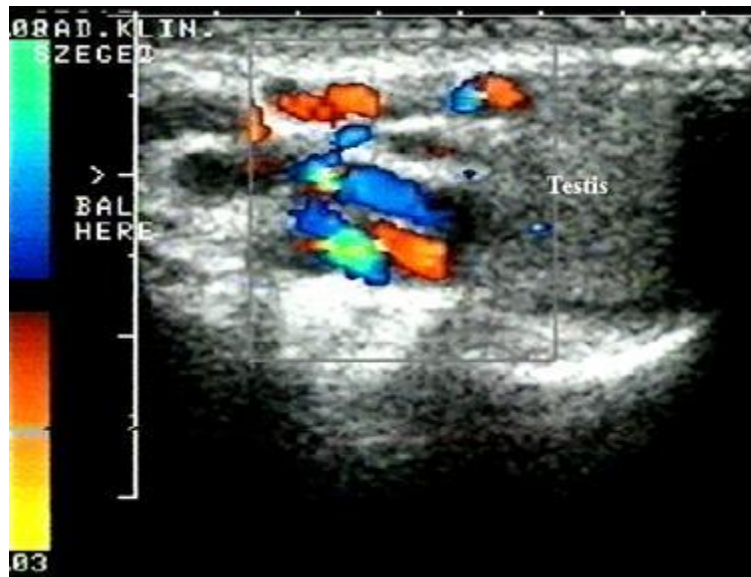
Bunch of dilated tortuous veins in the pampiniform plexus (Varicose veins in the spermatic cord)

More on the left side

Veins empty when the patient is lying down



VARICOCELE



- Scrotal Swelling
- Can't feel testis & epididymis
- Cystic, translucent
- Not tender



Vaginal Hydrocele

Acute Lt. inguinal lymphadenitis



Strangulated Lt. inguinal hernia

Lt. strangulated inguinal hernia



Rt. congenital inguinal hernia