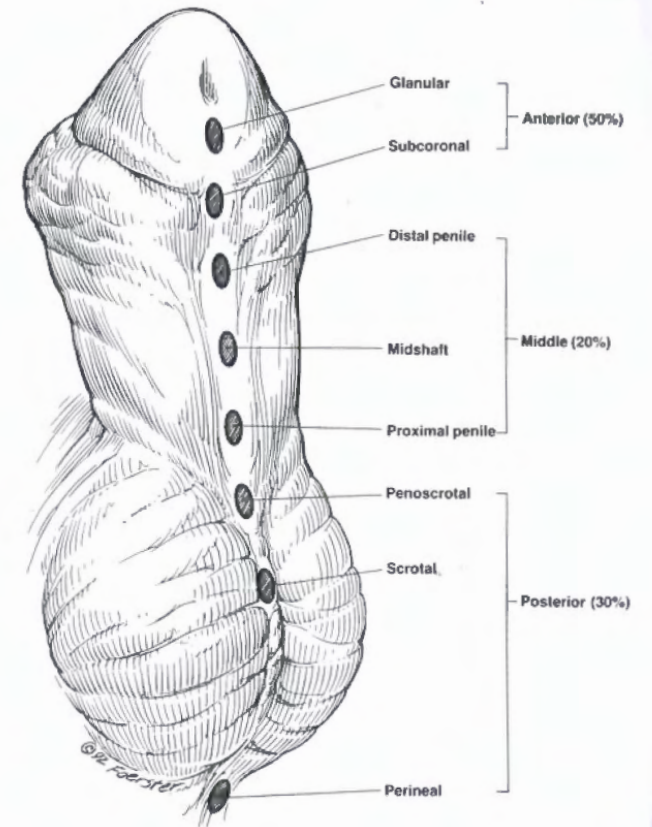


# Hypospadias

## Patient Information



Department of Paediatric Surgery & Urology  
Starship Hospital  
Auckland

# Hypospadias:

## Definition:

Hypospadias (Opening below) is an abnormal appearance of the penis, characterised by the abnormally situated opening of the urethra. This may be associated with a curvature of the penis. This condition is seen in 1 in 300 to 500 male births.

## Aims of Surgery:

- To provide a straight penis
- A urethral opening as forward as possible for normal voiding and intercourse.

## Stages:

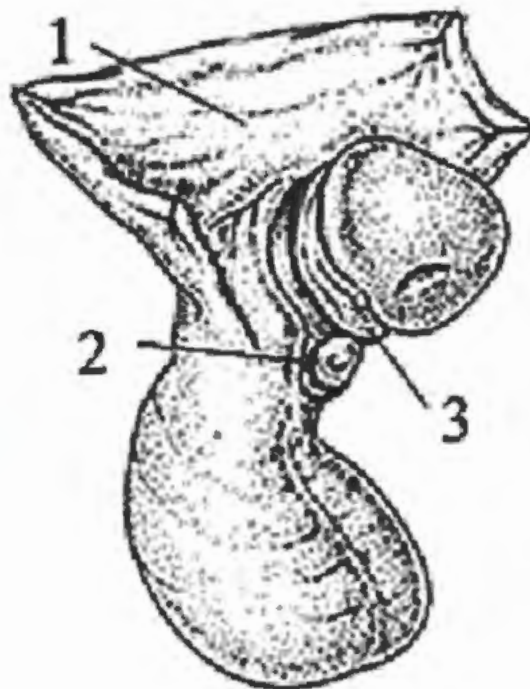
Depending on the severity of the abnormality, surgical correction may be done in one or more stages.

## Normal course:

1. Admission will be on the day of surgery, (be prepared to stay overnight)
2. There may be a stent or a catheter in place after the surgery.
  - This may be in for up to 2 weeks
  - Your child may have pain and discomfort for 1-2 weeks
  - A parent or caregiver may need to stay or be with their child during this time
- Soak the area in water a day before the stent removal. A date will be given.
- The stent will be removed in the daystay unit or clinic

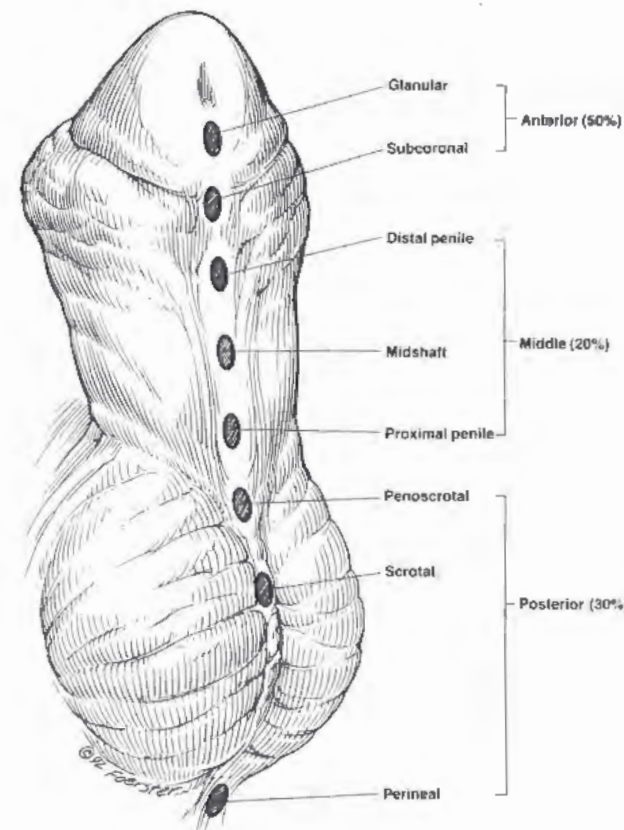
## Complications:

- Fistula
- Meatal stenosis (narrowing of urethral opening)
- Infection
- Complete breakdown
- Abnormal appearance
- Urethral stricture
- Rotation



1. Hooded prepuce
2. Abnormally placed opening
3. Bent penis

Please do not get your child circumcised while waiting for surgery



Various positions of openings

Department of Paediatric Surgery & Urology  
Starship Child Health  
Level 4  
Auckland  
Phone: 64 9 307 4949 ext. 22527