

## **Undescended Testes: Important Medical Information Specific to Boys**

Undescended testes, called cryptorchidism, is a failure of one or both of the testes to descend into the scrotum. It is a common condition in the general population, and very common in boys with PWS.

A pediatric urologist should be consulted if your son's testicles have not descended into the scrotum by age one. Some urologists suggest a five-week course of HCG (human chorionic gonadotropin) treatment to pharmaceutically stimulate the testicles to descend. Though benefits and success have been reported by some families, the overall success rate of HCG treatments is somewhat low. If HCG treatments are not successful a surgical intervention, called an orchidopexy, should be explored. Most pediatric urologists recommend an orchidopexy no later than age eighteen months.

Prior to any surgery, the surgeon should be informed that precautions must be taken when using anesthesia and other medications with a baby with PWS. Information about anesthesia and medication use can be obtained from PWCF and PWSA | USA.