

# Urologic emergencies

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# Emergency

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- ✧ life threatening
  - ✧ can lead to persistent impairment
  - ✧ contagious – dangerous to others (STD)
  - ✧ causes severe pain or discomfort
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# Urologic emergencies

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renal trauma, bladder rupture, testicular torsion, anuria, renal occlusion, renal colic, severe pyelonephritis, renal abscess, perirenal abscess, Fournier's gangrene, retroperitoneal hematoma, priapism, penile fracture, scrotal trauma, paraphimosis, urinary retention, ureter occlusion, foreign body, gonorrhoea, syphilis, AV fistula ...

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## Discussed:

- ✧ Urologic trauma
- ✧ Scrotal emergencies
- ✧ Urosepsis
- ✧ Urinary retention
- ✧ Penile emergencies
- ✧ Miscellaneous

## Not discussed:

- ✧ STD
  - ✧ Renal colic
  - ✧ Acute renal failure
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# Mind urologic trauma, if

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- ✧ Blunt trauma to the abdomen/perineum
    - hematuria
    - diminished urine output
    - genital or flank mass
  - ✧ Penetrating wound of abdomen/perineum
    - 20% w/o macrohematuria
  - ✧ Deceleration injury
    - motor vehicle accident
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# Suspicious signs

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- ✧ X-XII. rib fracture
  - ✧ pelvic bone fracture
  - ✧ flank mass, discoloration, wound
  - ✧ lower abdominal mass, tenderness
  - ✧ genital swelling and discoloration
  - ✧ inability to void
  - ✧ blood at the urethral meatus
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# Evaluating urologic trauma

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- ✧ Kidney

- CT > US > IVP > angiography

- ✧ Bladder

- RCG > CT > IVP > US

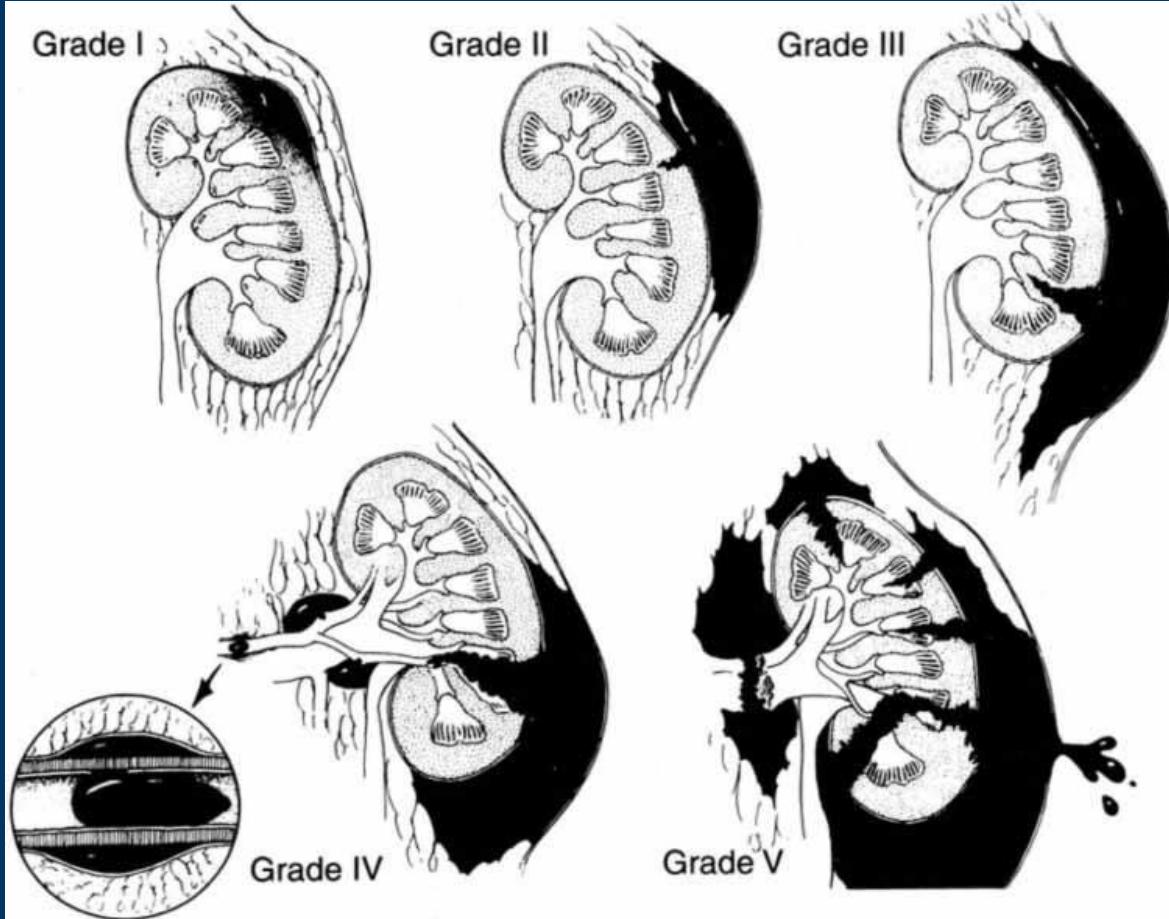
- ✧ Urethra

- RUG

- ✧ Testis

- US (>5 MHz)
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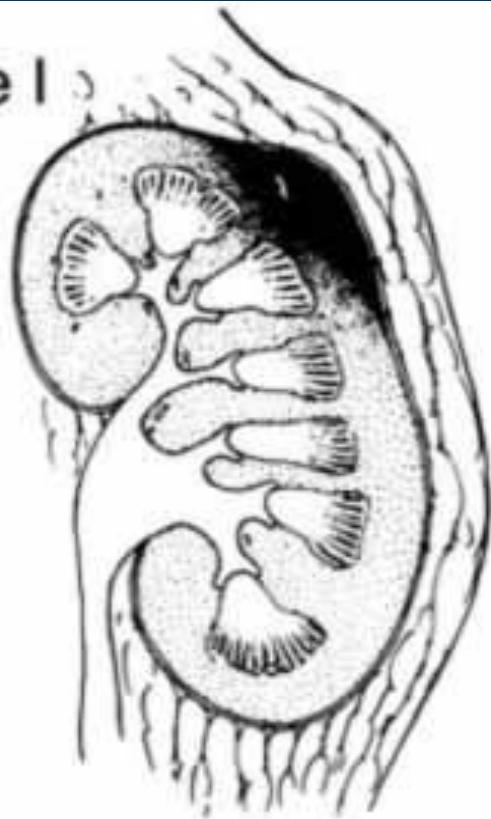
# Renal injury - staging



*American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma*

# Grade I

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## ✧ Contusion

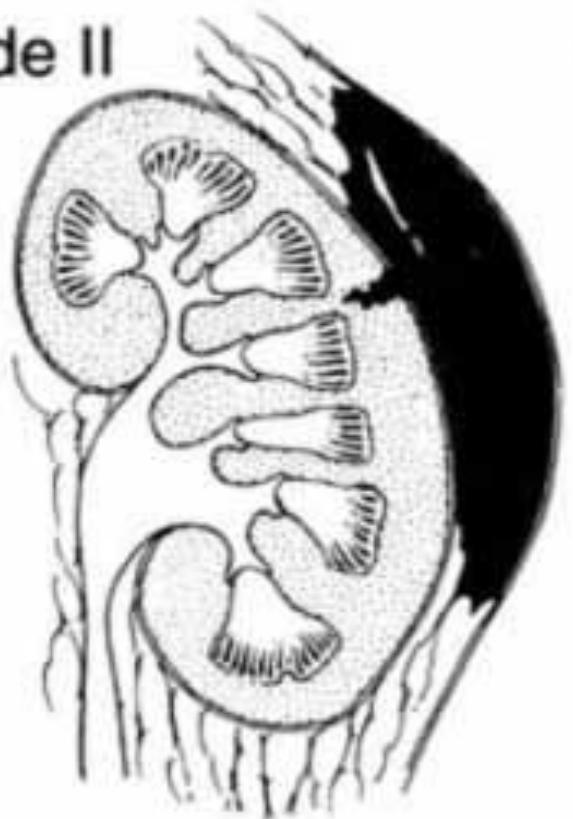
Microscopic or gross  
haematuria  
urologic studies normal

## ✧ Haematoma

Subcapsular, nonexpanding  
haematoma without  
parenhydral laceration

# Grade II

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✧ Haematoma

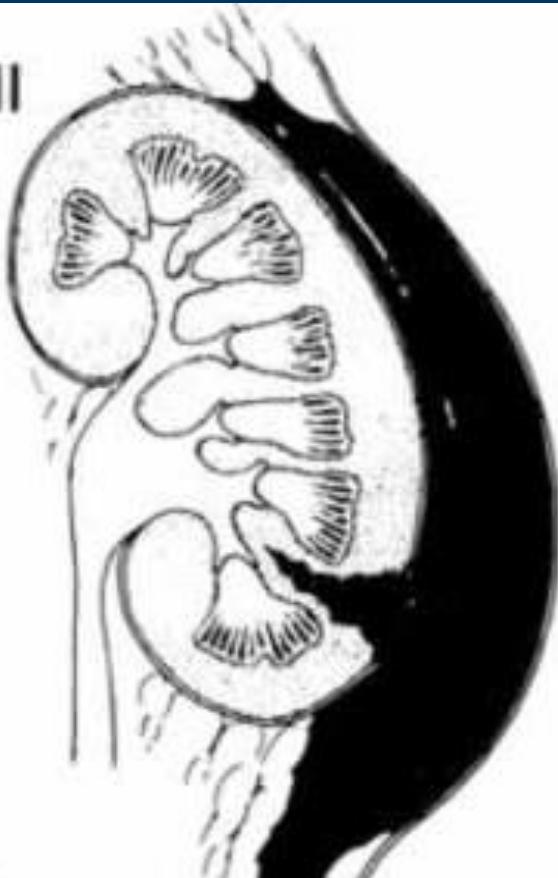
Nonexpanding perirenal haematoma confined to renal retroperitoneum

✧ Laceration

<1 cm parenchymal depth of renal cortex without extravasation

# Grade III

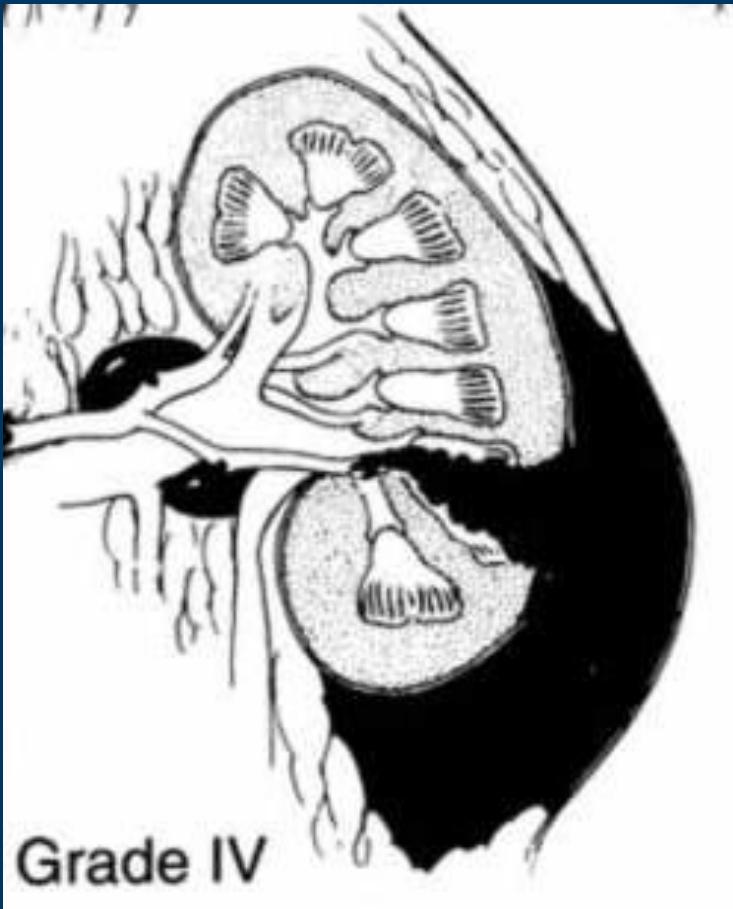
Grade III



## ✧ Laceration

>1 cm parenchymal depth  
of renal cortex without  
**collecting system rupture** or  
urinary extravasation

# Grade IV



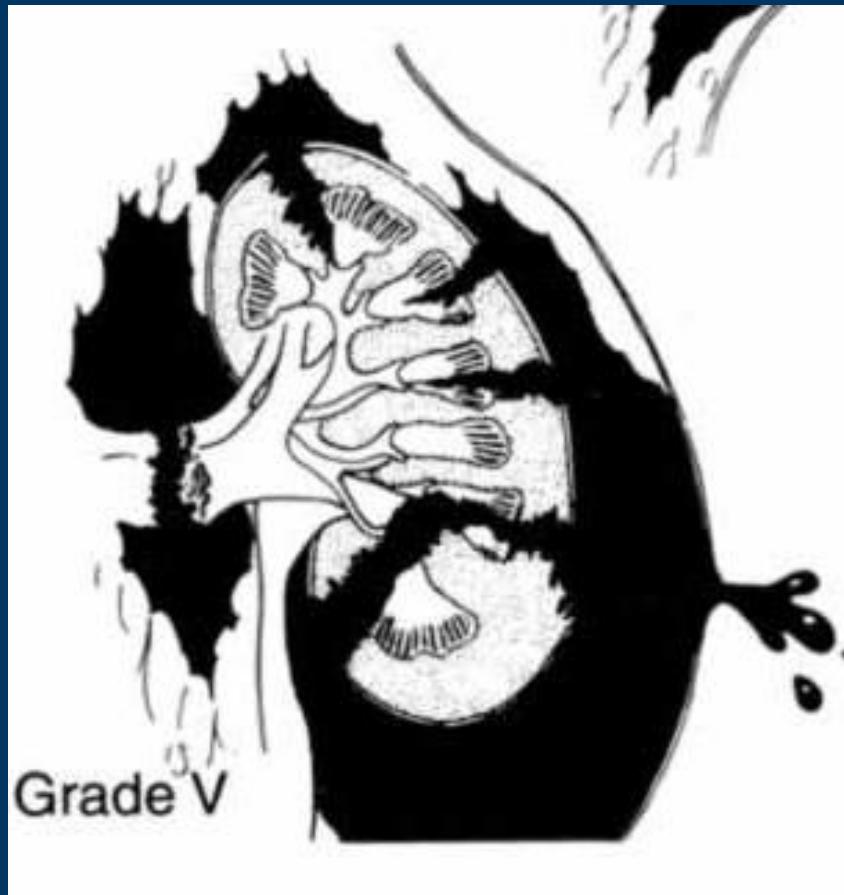
## ✧ Laceration

Parenchymal laceration  
extending through renal  
cortex, medulla and  
collecting system

## ✧ Vascular

Main renal artery or vein  
injury with contained  
hemorrhage

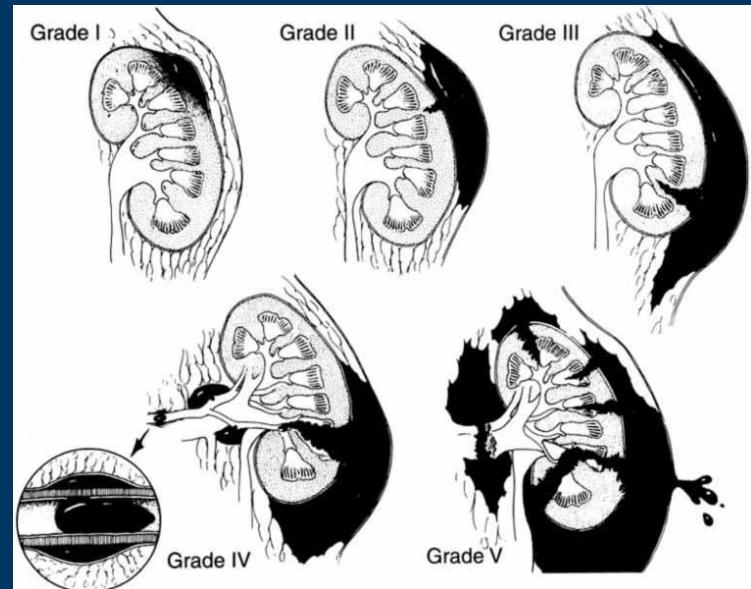
# Grade V



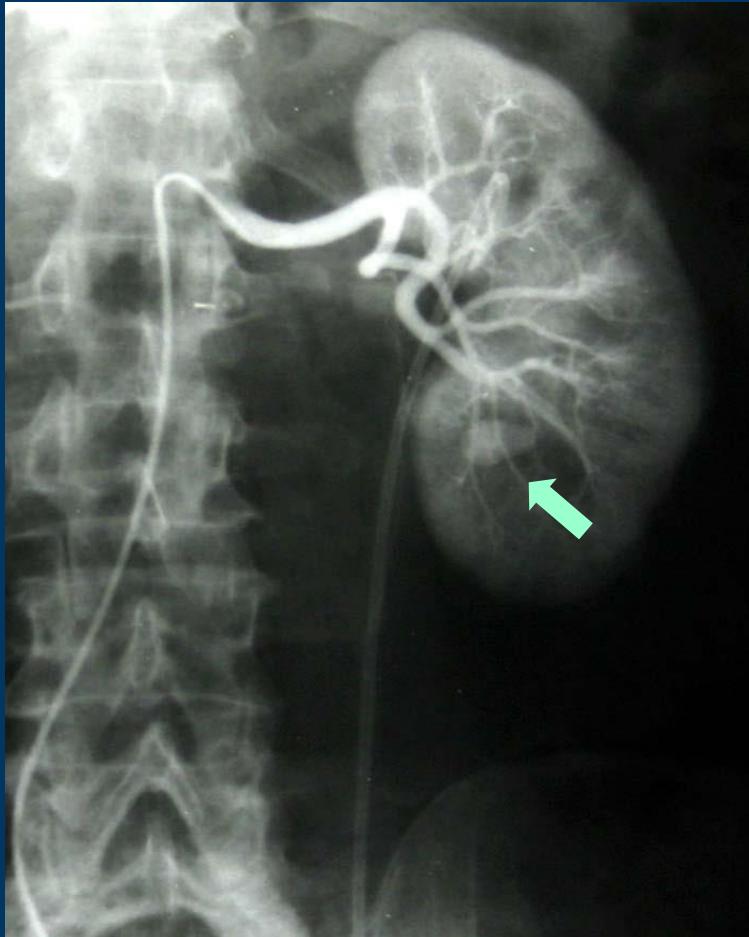
- ✧ Laceration  
Completely shattered kidney
  
- ✧ Vascular  
Avulsion of renal hilum,  
devascularizing the kidney

# Renal injury - treatment

- ✧ Grade I-II – conservative Tx
  - bed rest
  - antibiotics
- ✧ Grade III – controversial
  - stent
  - surgery in case of urine fistula
- ✧ Grade IV-V – surgery
  - try to spare renal parenchyma



# Iatrogenic renal injury



- ✧ NSS
- ✧ percutaneous surgery
- ✧ ESWL
- ✧ renal biopsy

# Bladder injury

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- ✧ Etiology
    - fracture of the pelvic ring
    - filled bladder + blunt abdominal trauma (seat belt)
  - ✧ Symptoms
    - hematuria
    - pain
    - defense
    - micturition difficulty
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# Bladder rupture

- ✧ Diagnosis: cystography (RCG)
  - >300 ml, sterile, water-soluble contrast
  - ap. and oblique
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- ✧ Therapy
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# Urethral injury

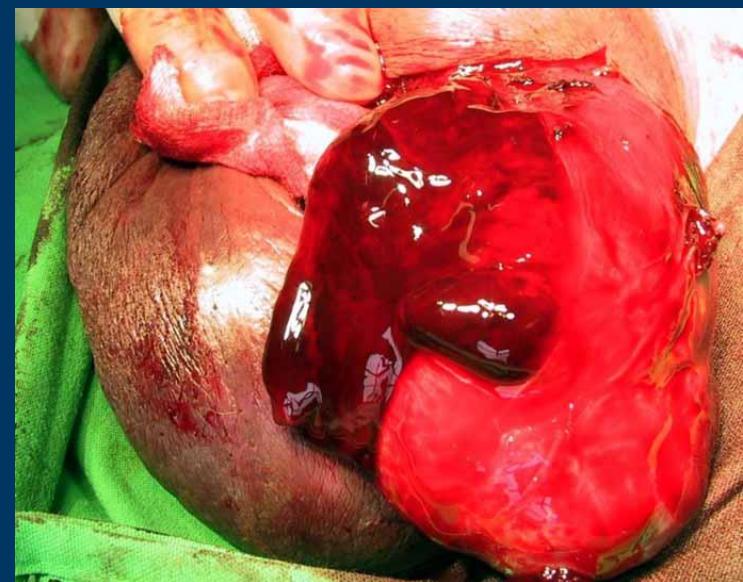
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- ✧ RUG
  - ✧ epicystostomy
  - ✧ antibiotics
  - ✧ delayed surgical repair
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# Scrotal injury

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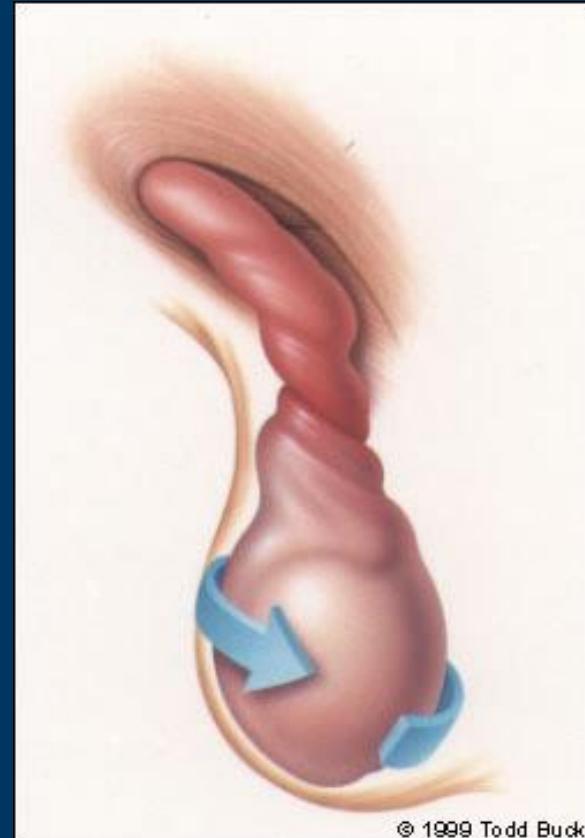
# Scrotal emergencies

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- ✓ Injury
  - ✧ Torsion
  - ✧ Epididymitis
  - ✧ Fournier's gangrene
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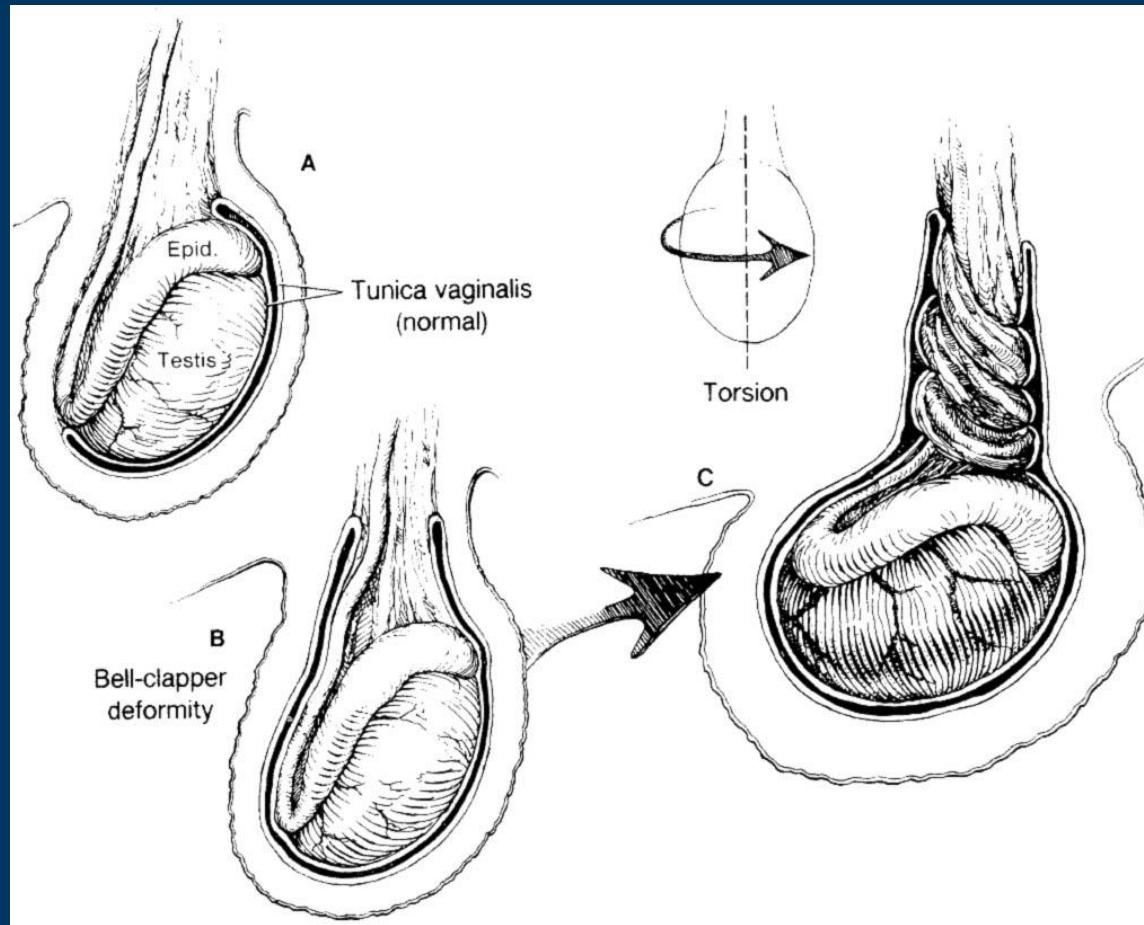
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- ✧ most frequent in childhood
  - uncommon over 40
- ✧ results in ischemia
  - Sertoli-cell 4-6 h
  - Leydig-cell 8-10 h

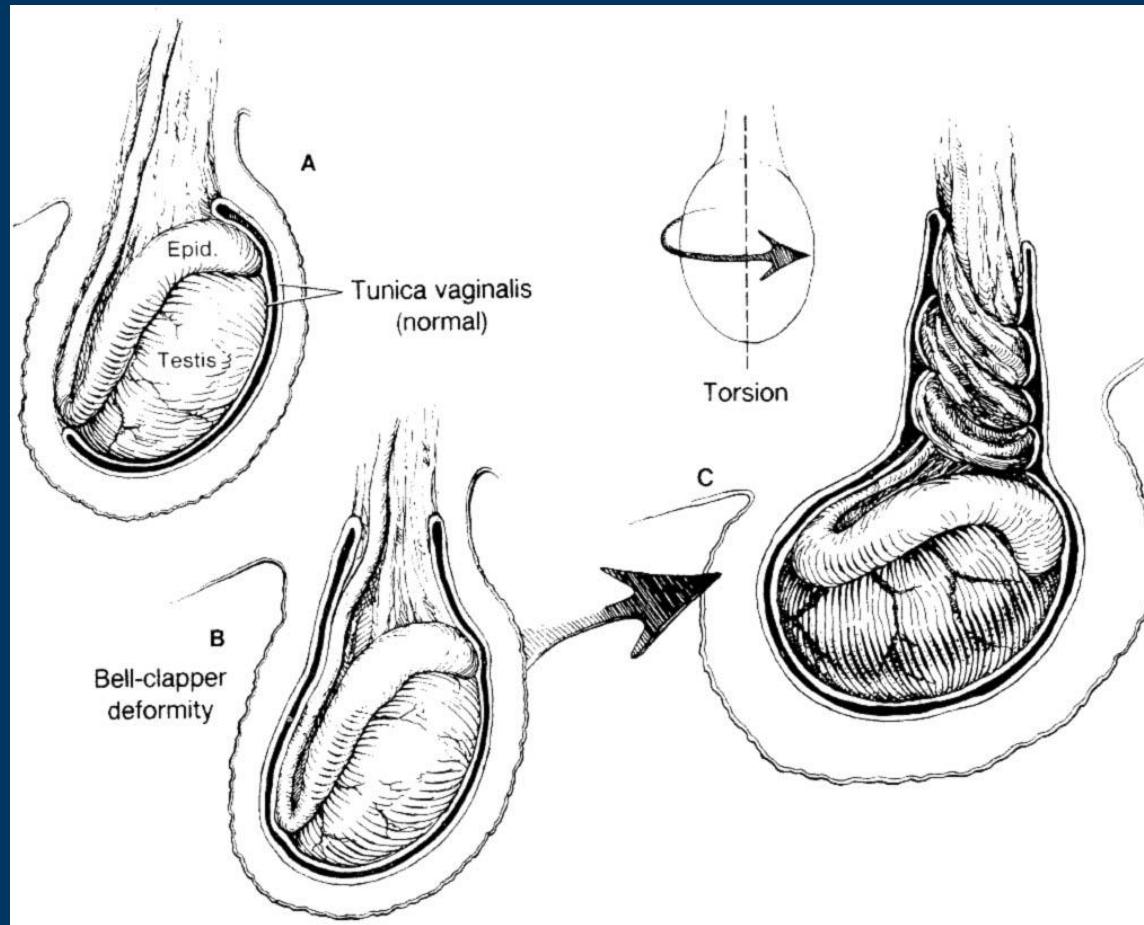


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# „Bell-clapper” deformity

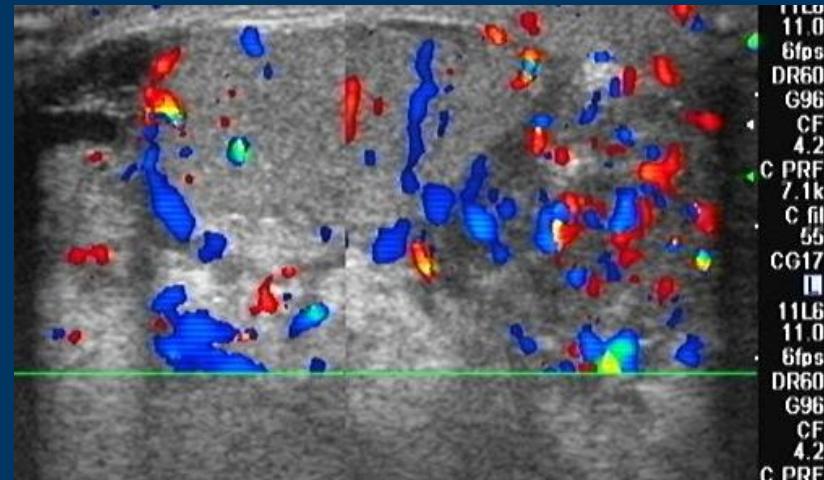


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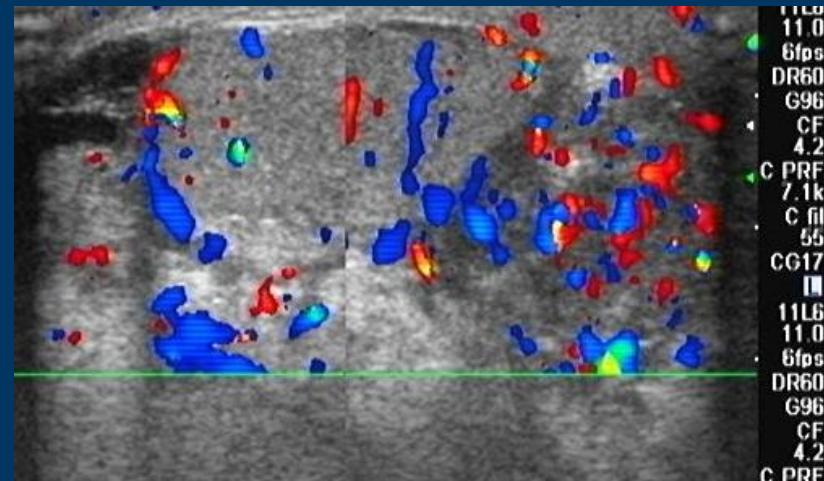
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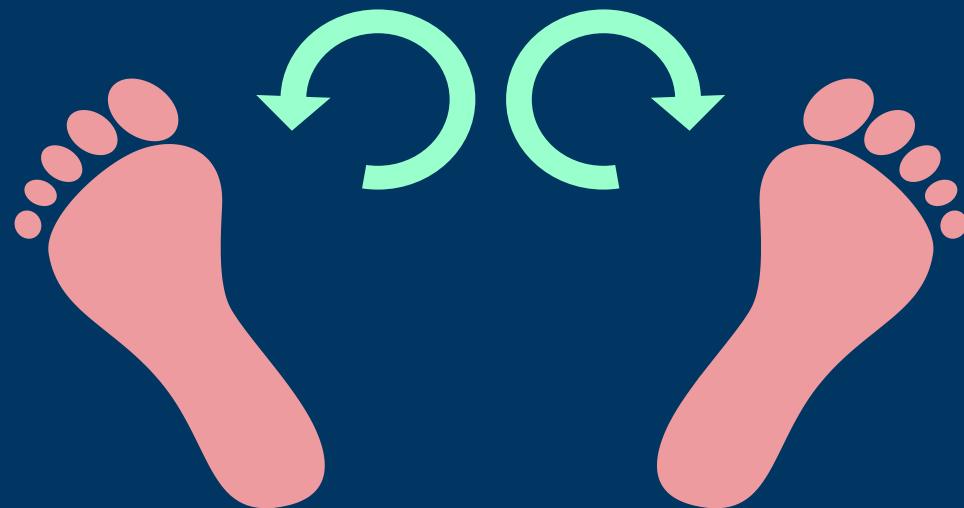
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# Detorquation



- Twisting
  - right – CW
  - left – CCW
- Manual derotation



# Surgical treatment

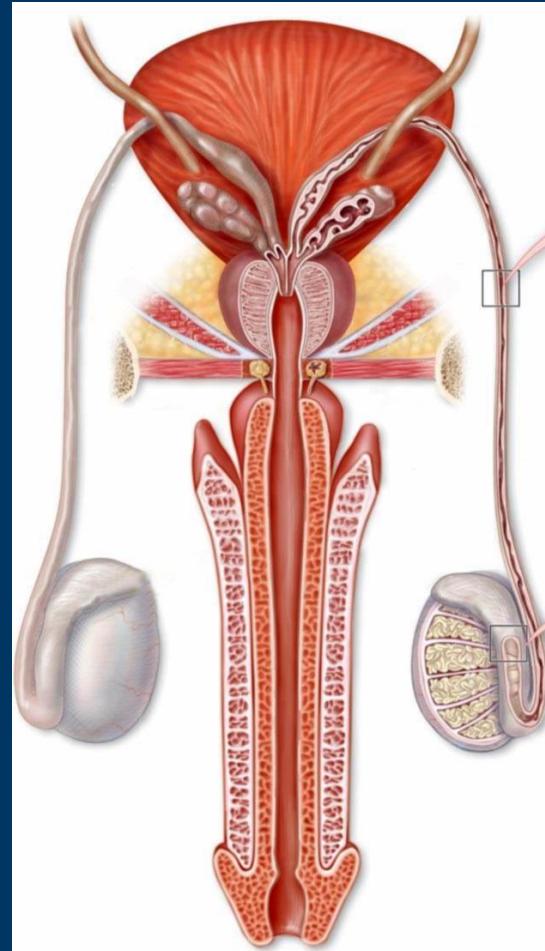
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- ✧ exploration
- ✧ detorquation
- ✧ fixation (both testicles)
- ✧ orchectomy and prothesis implantation



# Epididymitis

- ✧ inflammation of epididymis
- ✧ ascending infection
  - urethra > prostate > vas > epididymis > testis



# Epididymitis

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- ✧ Wide range of seriousness
- ✧ Young pt: STD?
  - Chlamydia, Ureaplasma, Neisseria
- ✧ Elderly pt: urinary retention?
  - Coliform bacteria

# Epididymitis – symptoms

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- ✧ pain
  - ✧ tender, swollen mass
  - ✧ tender, boggy prostate
  - ✧ fever
  - ✧ elevated WBC
  - ✧ elevated ESR
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# Epididymitis - treatment

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- ✧ Antibiotics
    - fluoroquinolones (ciprofloxacin 500 mg b.i.d.)
    - doxycycline 100 mg b.i.d.
    - SMX/TMP
  - ✧ ice pack
  - ✧ NSAID
  - ✧ bed rest, scrotal elevation
  - ✧ surgery if abscess formation
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# Torsion vs. epididymitis

|                     | torsion     | -itis        |
|---------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Typical age         | prepubertal | postpubertal |
| Onset               | sudden      | slow         |
| Fever               | (-)         | +++          |
| Pain                | +++         | +            |
| Cremaster reflex    | -           | +            |
| Prostate tenderness | -           | +            |

# Fournier's gangrene

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- ✧ Rapidly progressive, necrotizing infection of genitalia and perineum
  - ✧ *E. coli*,  
*Strepto/Staphylococci*,  
*Bacteroides*,  
*Clostridium*
  - ✧ 13-22 % mortality
  - ✧ immunocompetent pts.
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# Fournier's gangrene – diagnosis

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- ✧ examine the genitalia !
- ✧ induration, pain, erythema, crepitus, necrosis, odor
- ✧ nidus of infection
  - periurethral – RUG
  - perirectal – DRE, rectoscopy
  - skin lesion



# Fournier's gangrene – Tx

- ✧ wide spectrum combined antibiotics
  - against both aerobs and anaerobs
- ✧ surgical debridement and drainage
- ✧ epicystostomy
- ✧ hyperbaric oxygene (?)
- ✧ hyperalimentation



# Sepsis

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- ✧ sepsis = SIRS\* + evidence of infection
  - ✧ SIRS: at least 2 from the followings
    - hyper- or hypothermia ( $<36^{\circ}\text{C}$  or  $38^{\circ}\text{C}<$ )
    - tachycardia (over 90/min)
    - tachypnea (over 20/min)
    - WBC  $<4 \text{ G/L}$  or  $12 \text{ G/L}<$
  - ✧ urosepsis: sepsis with urogenital source of infection
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\**Systemic Immune Response Syndrome*

# Septic shock

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- ✧ sepsis with clinical signs of hypotension, hypoperfusion
- ✧ multiple organ dysfunction (MODS)
  - hypoxia → ARDS\* (lung)
  - oliguria → renal failure
  - anaemia → bone marrow dysfunction
  - icterus → liver damage
  - coma → brain damage

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\* *Adult Respiratory Distress Syndrome*

# Urosepsis – causes

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- ✧ pyelonephritis (apostematoso)
  - ✧ acute prostatitis, prostatic abscess
  - ✧ severe epididymo-orchitis
  - ✧ Fournier's gangrene
  - ✧ bladder rupture (peritonitis)
  - ✧ foreign body
  - ✧ (+ immunocompromised pt.)
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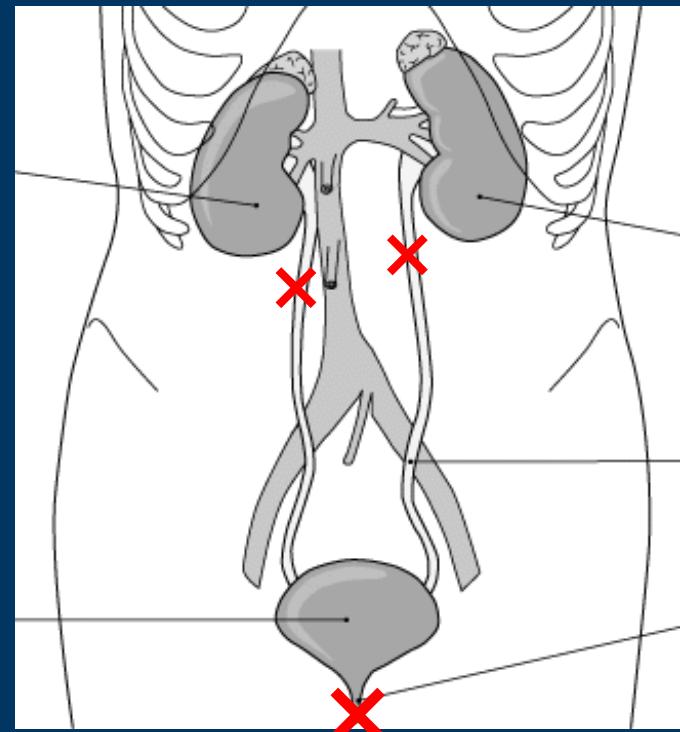
# Oliguria / anuria

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- ✧ oliguria:      <500 ml urine/24 h
  - ✧ anuria:        <100 ml urine/24 h
  - ✧ causes
    - prerenal
    - renal
    - postrenal
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# Postrenal anuria

- ✧ **supravesical** – renal occlusion
  - intraluminar / extrinsic ureter obstruction
  - risk factor: solitary kidney
- ✧ **subvesical** – lower urinary tract obstruction
  - BPH, PCa, urethral stricture or tumor, stone, meatal stenosis



# Tx of subvesical obstruction

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- ✧ = Urinary retention (acute / chronic )
  - ✧ Urethral catheter
  - ✧ Percutaneous epicystostomy
  - ✧ Treatment of the underlying disease
    - e.g. urethral stone, meatal stenosis, phimosis
  - ✧ Open cystostomy (rare)
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# Tx of supravesical obstruction

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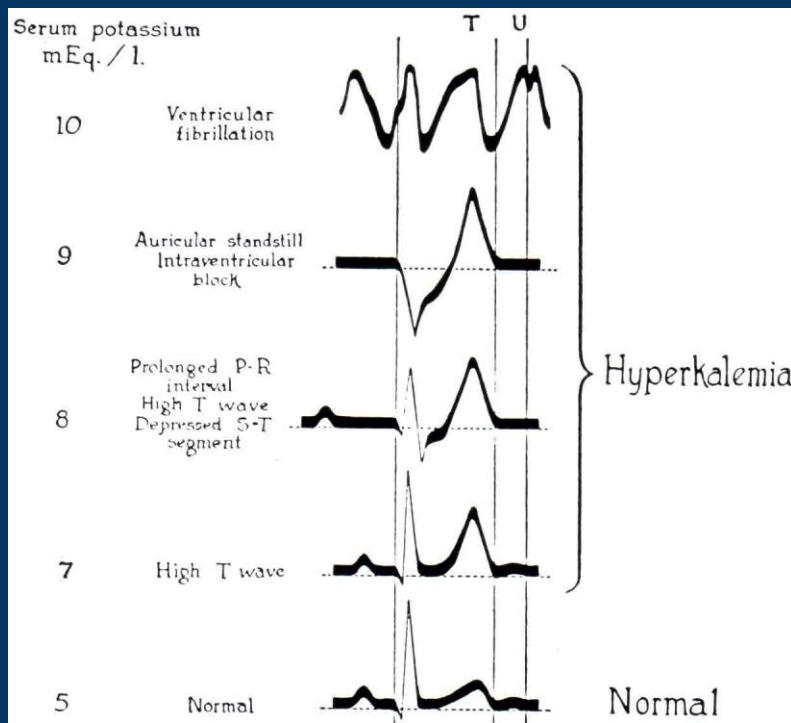
## ✧ Usual

- ureter catheter
- DJ stent
- percutaneous nephrostomy

## ✧ Rare

- ureterocutaneostomy
  - open nephrostomy
  - extra anatomic stent
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# Hyperkalemia



- ✧ high T
- ✧ wide QRS

# Tx of hyperkalemia

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- ✧ calcium gluconate
  - ✧ sodium bicarbonate
  - ✧ insulin (+ glucose)
  - ✧ potassium absorbing resin (Resonium)
  - ✧ loop diuretics
  - ✧ hemodialysis
  - ✧ manage the underlying disease
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# Urologic emergencies

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- ✧ Urologic trauma
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  - ✧ Penile emergencies
  - ✧ Miscellaneous
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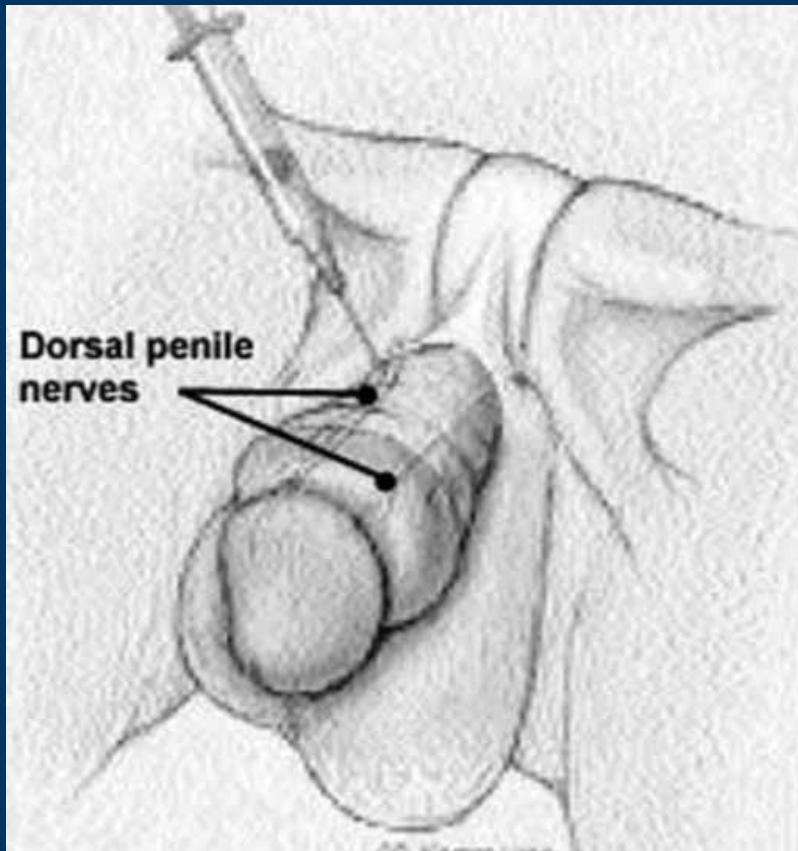
# Paraphimosis

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# Paraphimosis - treatment

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# Priapism

- ✧ persisting and painful erection
  - lasts more than 4 hours
- ✧ Forms
  - low-flow (ischaemic)
  - high-flow



*Priapus = god of fertility*

# Priapism – causes

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| PDE5 inhibitors   | sildenafil, vardenafil, tadalafil                    |
| intracavernosal   | prostaglandin E, papaverine                          |
| antihypertensives | Ca channel blockers<br>hydralazine, prazosin         |
| psychiatric       | trazadone<br>chloropromazine<br>thioridazine / SSRIs |
| drugs             | alcohol, cocaine                                     |
| neurologic        | spinal cord lesion, SM                               |
| hematologic       | sickle cell anaemia                                  |
| injury            | straddle injury, AV fistula                          |
| other             | spider bites   |

# Priapism – treatment

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- ✧ Hydration, analgesia
  - ✧ Low flow
    - cavernosal aspiration & irrigation
    - phenylephrine (100-200 mg/10 min)
  - ✧ High flow (non-emergent)
    - ice pack
    - embolisation
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# Priapism – surgical Tx

- ✧ Winter shunt (A)
- ✧ El-Ghorab shunt (B)
- ✧ Quackels/Sacher (C)
- ✧ sapheno-cavernosus shunt (Grayhack) (D)

