Health Care Seeker Versus Health Care Giver Behaviour: Undescended Testes

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Introduction
Undescended testes (UDT) optimum timing for surgical management is 6-12 months of age. Early detection and appropriate referral contribute to better outcomes.

Methods
A hospital based 6 month prospective study. Guardians were furnished with a standard questionnaire to determine previous interaction with medical personnel prior to presentation.

Results
60 patients were included in the study.
Median age 72 months (7-228 months).
11.7% (7) presented in desired time-frame.
59 (98%) had history of contact with medical personnel.
66% of missed diagnosis were delivered in Tertiary facilities.

Discussion
50% diagnosed at birth, yet 53.3% of the cases sited ignorance.
99% had missed opportunities in at delivery, MCH during immunization and during management of acute illness.

Conclusion
Regular genitourinary examination protocols
Role of education in mitigating delayed presentation

References