

Elective Neonatal Inguinal Hernia Repair

Paediatric surgical services for St Peter's are normally provided by St. George's Hospital. Some of the surgeons run local clinics at St Peter's and may arrange to see children in these clinics.

Procedure

All referrals should be made in writing and faxed to St George's hospital for the attention of attending paediatric surgical consultant.

Referrals should be made about 2 weeks prior to discharge

The fax number for the paediatric surgical secretaries is 0208 725 0711

Check that the referral has been received. The direct telephone number for paediatric surgical secretaries is 0208 725 3322

File a copy of the referral letter in the medical notes

Information to include in referral letter:

Name and date of birth of baby
Name and address of parent
GP name and address
St. Peter's Neonatal Consultant

Gestation
Corrected gestational age
Weight of baby
Hernia – side, size, reducible
Significant medical history including respiratory history
Current medications
Current status – feeds and oxygen requirements

Include a copy of BadgerNet summary. Parental communication should include explanation about referral and signs/actions to take in the event of possible obstruction of hernia

There is a template which may be used for referral letters overleaf. Details in red need to be filled in!

Guideline

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Date

Dear Paediatric Surgical team,

Referral for assessment and repair inguinal hernia

Re: Name of baby

Baby date of birth

Baby address

Parent/guardian name

GP name and address

Neonatal consultant at St Peter's hospital

I am writing to ask you if you would be able to assess *name* for repair of *his/her* inguinal hernia. Name is a *xx* week old baby who was born at *gestation*.

Hernia: *describe hernia, side, size, unilateral or bilateral, reducible*.

Medical history: *relevant medical history including respiratory, CVS and GIT history*.

Current medication:

Baby *name* currently weighs *kg*, is *current feeding regime* and is *current resp status*.

We would be grateful if you were able to assess *baby name* in your clinic either here or at St George's hospital.

I enclose a copy of the current BadgerNet summary.

Many thanks,
Yours sincerely

Dr X
Designation