

Antenatal Renal Tract (kidney and bladder) Abnormalities

Information for patients, relatives and carers

① For more information, please contact: Child Health, York Hospital
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Congratulations on the birth of your baby

During your routine antenatal care, your ultrasound scans identified an abnormality within your baby's kidney and / or bladder system. These are common and the abnormality may have disappeared by the time your baby is born.

However, some of these abnormalities may continue to be present and can lead to problems.

After the delivery of your baby, we will aim to do some or all of the following investigations. This will depend on the actual abnormality found during your antenatal care.

- An ultrasound scan of your baby's kidneys and bladder within seven days or one month of birth (depending on the antenatal findings).
- A further ultrasound scan of your baby's renal tract when they are three months old.
- Other x-ray tests, for example a micturating cysto-urethrogram (MCUG); this is a series of bladder x-rays.

Most babies do not require all these tests as often the postnatal scans are normal (or becoming more normal).

We may also start a small dose of an antibiotic daily to prevent any urine infections depending on the results of the investigations.

This antibiotic should be continued until all the tests have been completed and your baby has been reviewed by your consultant.

It is important that you understand why these tests are being done so please ask the doctors to answer any questions you have before you go home with your baby. There will be further useful information regarding these tests at www.infokid.org

If you cannot attend the scan please contact the X-ray Appointments Clerk on telephone number 01904 726676 to cancel and rearrange the scan.

If you have any concerns regarding your baby following discharge, please discuss these with you midwife, health visitor or GP.

Tell us what you think of this leaflet

We hope that you found this leaflet helpful. If you would like to tell us what you think, please contact: Dr Luke McLaughlin, Consultant Paediatrician, York Hospital, Wigginton Road, York, YO31 8HE or telephone 01904 725727.

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PALS can be contacted on 01904 726262, or email yhs-tr.patientexperienceteam@nhs.net

An answer phone is available out of hours.

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