



Varicocele

A varicocele occurs when the veins coming from the testis become dilated or enlarged. It is similar to a varicose vein in your leg. About 10% of males will have a varicocele at some point in their lives. Most often varicoceles are harmless and cause no problems. Less often varicoceles result in pain in the scrotum (often described as a dull aching pain), decreased growth of a testicle, or infertility. Varicoceles generally do not require surgery. Surgical or radiological intervention is offered for boys who have chronic pain or a significant size difference between both testicles.