

# Bladder Exstrophy v2.1: Prenatal

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## PHASE I

### Inclusion Criteria

- Suspected diagnosis of bladder exstrophy

### Exclusion Criteria

- Suspected diagnosis of cloacal exstrophy

### Prenatal Consultations

- Urology
- Social Work

### Delivery Recommendations

- Delivery at any location that is comfortable with bladder exstrophy care
- Provider to provider consultation available

### Family Education

- Bladder Exstrophy: How to Care for your Child's Bladder Before Surgery [PE3009](#)
- Bladder Exstrophy [PE174](#)

### Provider Education

- [Outside Provider Goals of Care](#)
- Nursing Guideline of Care 10149 (*for SCH only*)

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If child is stable,  
no need to transfer until  
mom can also be  
discharged

Go to Neonatal  
Phase

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## PHASE II

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Child can be cared  
for on the floor unless  
they meet standard  
NICU criteria

### Inclusion Criteria

- Diagnosis of bladder exstrophy

### Exclusion Criteria

- Age > 12 months
- Cloacal exstrophy

### Cloacal Exstrophy

- Will need general surgery involvement for ostomy + bladder plate closure

### Initial Management

#### Imaging

- Renal US
- Pelvic xray

#### Diet

- Regular

#### Antibiotics

- None

#### Bladder Exstrophy Care

- Tegaderm over bladder plate in hospital; Tegaderm or Press and Seal at home
- Silk tie on umbilical cord

#### Activity Restrictions

- None

#### Nursing Care

- Nursing Guideline of Care 10149 (for SCH only)

#### Consultations

- Urology
- Orthopedics (including Spica tiger brought to family)
- Social work
- Lactation

#### Standard Newborn Care

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Do not give  
prophylactic antibiotics  
prior to bladder closure

### Family Education

- Bladder Exstrophy: How to Care for your Child's Bladder Before Surgery [PE3009](#)
- Bladder Exstrophy [PE174](#)
- Latex Allergy [PE001](#)

#### Urology Folder: (Urology NP will give to family)

- Information about the Association for Bladder Exstrophy Community
- Medical Alert ID [PE2417](#)
- Urology Rounds [PE3005](#)
- Bladder Exstrophy: Care After Surgery [PE2910](#)
- Urinary Reflux [PE181](#)

### Discharge Criteria

- Teaching complete
- Consults seen
- Follow-up scheduled
- Cleared by Pediatrics

### Follow-Up Coordination

- PCP identified and appointment scheduled within 3-7 days of discharge
- Urology clinic visit in 2 months

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### PHASE III

#### Timing of Surgery

Elective closure at  
4-6 months of age with  
osteotomy and spica cast

#### Inclusion Criteria

- Diagnosis of bladder exstrophy

#### Exclusion Criteria

- Age > 12 months
- Cloacal exstrophy

#### Pre-operative Visits

*2 months prior to surgery*

- Urology clinic
  - Request iron deficiency anemia screen from pediatrician

*2 weeks prior to surgery*

- Urology clinic
- Orthopedics clinic
  - Order car seat
- PASS clinic
  - Type and Screen

#### Outpatient Pre-Operative Management

- Anemia screen, if positive treat and discuss delaying surgery
- Car seat ordered at orthopedic RN visit
- OR team e-mail sent – **Urology fellow after Monday AM conference**
  - Pre-surgical Overview PowerPoint
  - Full Body Prep instructions
  - Pick lists
  - Huddle time

#### Infection Control

*2 weeks prior to surgery*

- Bladder plate culture
  - **If positive**, treat with 7 days antibiotics to end on the day of surgery, then culture directive perioperative antibiotics
  - **If negative**, cefazolin only for perioperative antibiotics

#### Intra Operative Care

##### Anesthesiologist

###### **Pain control:**

- Epidural, TAP or iliac fascial blocks when anatomy permits
- Standing Tylenol post-operatively
- Standing Toradol post-operatively if >6 months and no renal anomalies

###### **Fluids/Lines/Tubes:**

- A-line and 2 large lvs
- Type and cross
- Orogastric tube. Remove at the end of case.
- mIVF on a pump with separate replacement of deficit and blood loss
- Albumin 5% as needed
- [Transfusion guide](#)

###### **Infection Control:**

- Antibiotics completed 30 minutes prior to incision

###### **Extubation:**

- Goal to extubate at end of case

##### Surgical tech

- Place urinary stents in a container to collect urine
- Monitor and call out urine output for anesthesia
- Open bladder exstrophy specific pelvic osteotomy kit

##### Nursing

- Bladder Exstrophy: Full body prep
- Radiopaque table
- Positioning at end of table
- **Fluoroscopy available for osteotomy**
- Page Orthopedic surgeon at end of case to place spica
- PACU nurse to petal spica

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**Fluid goal is  
euvolemia**

**Go to  
Post-Operative  
Phase**

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### PHASE IV

#### NICU Admission

- At the discretion of the surgical and anesthesia teams
- Standard criteria for NICU discharge

#### Inclusion Criteria

- Diagnosis of bladder exstrophy

#### Exclusion Criteria

- Age > 12 months
- Cloacal exstrophy

### Initial Management

#### Family Education

- Urology Rounds [PE3005](#)

#### Vital signs

- Standard vital signs per acute care guidelines
- Strict I/O

#### Activity

- Out of bed ad lib
- OK to hold baby

#### Fluids/Electrolytes/Nutrition

- D5 NS@maintenance IV+PO
- CBC, Chem7, Cr/BUN POD1
- Regular diet immediately after surgery

#### Medications

- Pain service consult in PACU
- Oxybutynin standing for bladder spasms

#### Wound Care

- Monitor incisions for early signs of infection
- GOC: Casts including Spica Casts 10207 (for SCH only)

#### Consults

- Lactation consultation if nursing or pumping
- Social work

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**STOP and RESOLVE** if incisions are not clean, dry and intact

### Infection Control

- Perioperative antibiotics for 24 hours after surgery
- No prophylaxis while bladder being continuously drained
- Urine culture 2 weeks prior to outpatient planned cast and tube removal
  - If positive, give culture driven antibiotics for 7 days (5 days prior to cystogram / VCUG, 2 days after)
- Antibiotic prophylaxis for vesicoureteral reflux if seen on outpatient VCUG at time of cast removal

### Family Education

*(once stable after surgery)*

- Bladder Exstrophy [PE174](#)
- Bladder Exstrophy: Care After Surgery [PE2910](#)

### Follow-up Coordination

- Urology weekly visits x 6 weeks
- Spica cast removal at 4 weeks
  1. Orthopedics clinic visit for spica removal
    - Pelvic X-Ray to evaluate osteotomies
- 6 week visit for catheter removal
  1. Urology clinic visit for catheter removal
  2. Radiology:
    - Cystogram for bladder integrity; if (-), VCUG for VUR
    - Renal Ultrasound

### Supplies and teaching

*(care coordination to initiate)*

- Appropriate car seat
- Catheter flush
- Petals / Mole skin
- Diapers

### Discharge Criteria

- Teaching complete
- Supplies ordered
- Car seat approved
- Follow-up appointments scheduled
- Medically cleared by Urology and Orthopedic surgery

# Bladder Exstrophy Transfusion Guideline

## Laboratory Monitoring

- Check blood gas every hour
- Check CBC and coags after osteotomies are complete or if concern for hemodynamic instability
- Consider TXA per formulary for high-risk patients (i.e., high blood loss expected, malnourished, history of prematurity)

### Lab Results

Hct < 21 or hemodynamic instability

Platelets < 100k

Fibrinogen < 150

*TEG > 10 or INR > 1.5*

### Intervention

PRBC 10-15 mL/kg

Platelets 5 – 10 mL/kg

Cryoprecipitate 2 - 5 mL/kg

*FFP 10-15 mL/kg*

Job Aid: Blood Transfusions – Transfusion and Dosing, 12056 (*for SCH only*)

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# Bladder Exstrophy Outside Provider

## Management of the bladder plate

- The goal is to keep the bladder plate clean and moist
- Tegaderm should be placed over the bladder plate overlapping with the surrounding skin
- Change the tegaderm prn dislodgement or soiling
- Clean the bladder plate with saline flush if soiled
- The child can be bathed but the bladder plate should not be scrubbed

## Management of the umbilical stump

- Silk suture should be used for the umbilicus
- This is preferred over the umbi clamp to reduce irritation of the bladder mucosa

## Other Considerations

- Provider to provider consultation is available
- If child is stable:
  - No need to transfer until mom can also be discharged
  - Normal diet
  - No antibiotics
  - No activity restrictions

# Bladder Exstrophy Approval & Citation

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# Evidence Ratings

This pathway was developed through local consensus based on published evidence and expert opinion as part of Clinical Standard Work at Seattle Children's. Pathway teams include representatives from Medical, Subspecialty, and/or Surgical Services, Nursing, Pharmacy, Clinical Effectiveness, and other services as appropriate.

When possible, we used the GRADE method of rating evidence quality. Evidence is first assessed as to whether it is from randomized trial or cohort studies. The rating is then adjusted in the following manner (from: Guyatt G et al. J Clin Epidemiol. 2011;4:383-94, Hultcrantz M et al. J Clin Epidemiol. 2017;87:4-13.):

Quality ratings are *downgraded* if studies:

- Have serious limitations
- Have inconsistent results
- If evidence does not directly address clinical questions
- If estimates are imprecise OR
- If it is felt that there is substantial publication bias

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- The effect size is large
- If studies are designed in a way that confounding would likely underreport the magnitude of the effect OR
- If a dose-response gradient is evident

## Certainty of Evidence:

★★★★ High: The authors have a lot of confidence that the true effect is similar to the estimated effect

★★★○ Moderate: The authors believe that the true effect is probably close to the estimated effect

★★○○ Low: The true effect might be markedly different from the estimated effect

★○○○ Very low: The true effect is probably markedly different from the estimated effect

Guideline: Recommendation is from a published guideline that used methodology deemed acceptable by the team

Expert Opinion: Based on available evidence that does not meet GRADE criteria (for example, case-control studies).



## Summary of Version Changes

- **Version 1.0 (05/22/2018):** Go live
- **Version 2.0 (2/21/2020):** Clarified Follow-up Coordination section on Post-Operative page
- **Version 2.1 (1/31/2023):** Removed Oxybutynin dosing frequency (TID) under Post-Operative Phase IV. Removed TXA dosing and replaced with reference to formulary. Added Blood Transfusions job aid link to Transfusion Guideline information page

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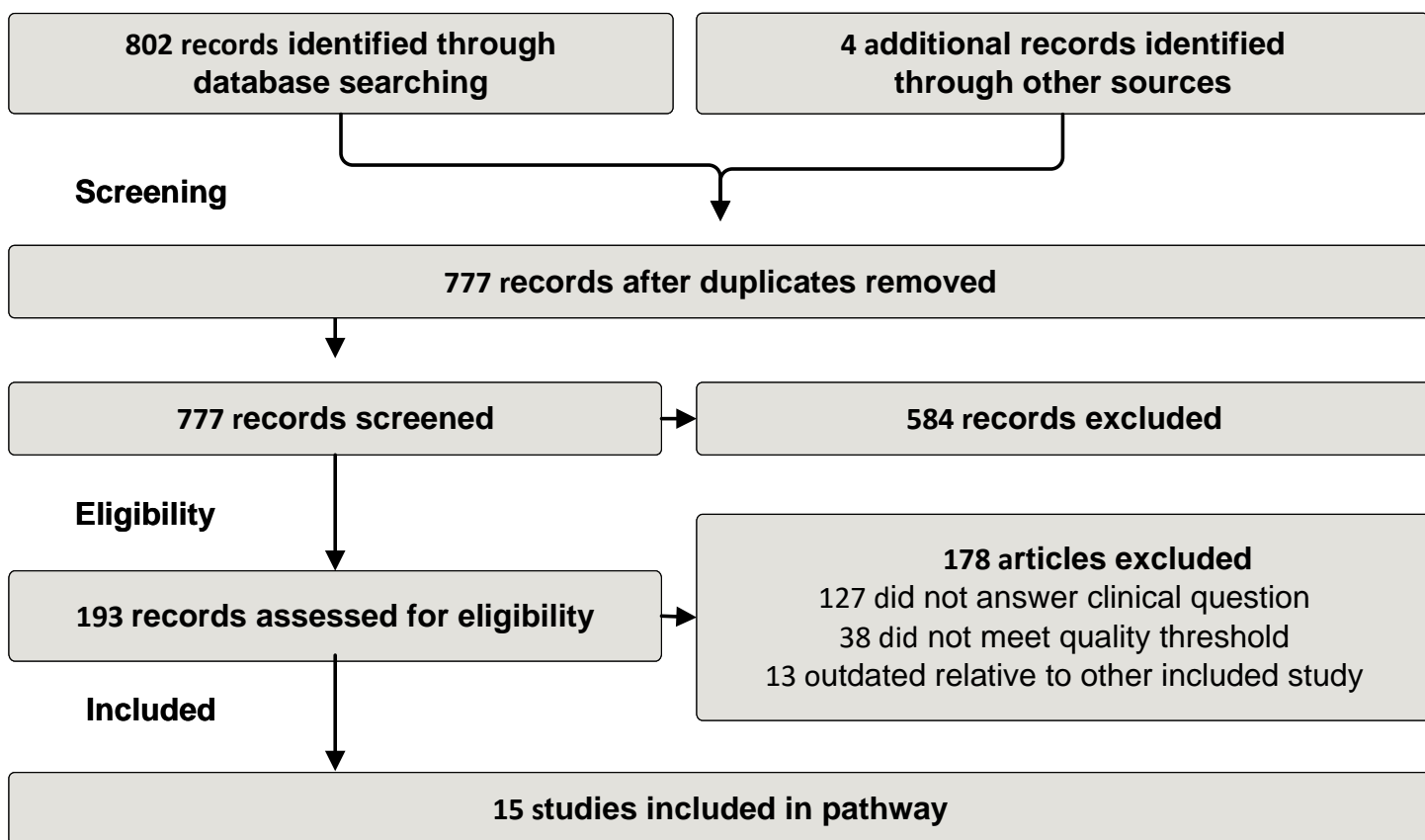
## Search Methods, *Bladder Exstrophy* Clinical Standard Work

Literature searches were conducted in two phases and executed by a medical librarian, Jackie Morton. The initial search in June 2017, targeted synthesized literature on bladder exstrophy, pelvic fixation methods, the use of anticholinergics, transfusion criteria, as well as the use of antibiotics and pain control and surgical recovery. It was executed in Ovid Medline, Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews, Embase, National Guideline Clearinghouse and TRIP. The second search, in September 2017, was conducted in Medline and Embase to retrieve primary studies, focusing on pelvic fixation methods, transfusion criteria and the use of anticholinergics or any additional studies on bladder exstrophy. All searches were limited to items published in English, from Jan 2007 to date. The team added 3 citations not retrieved with the search strategy scope and limits. Results were exported to RefWorks for system de-duplication, then to Excel for the screening process.

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