

OSCE

Candidate information

Your RMO has been seeing 14 year old Dillon, who was referred by his GP after he was struck in the testicle by a cricket ball today. The ultrasound shows a “ruptured testicle” and the GP is unsure of how to manage this.

Dillon has only one testicle, as he was diagnosed with cryptorchidism too late for his testicle to be retrieved when he was a child.

His pain is currently managed with oral oxycodone.

Please discuss the case with your RMO and advise on management.

Domain	%
Medical expertise	40
Prioritisation and decision making	40
Communication	
Teamwork and collaboration	
Leadership and management	
Health advocacy	
Scholarship and teaching	20
Professionalism	

Missed testicle torsion

Actor (RMO) information

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You are concerned this may be a torsion and have attempted to call Urology. The registrar has refused to see the patient and asked that Dillon return the next day fasted, so he can have exploratory semi-urgent surgery.

Prompts:

- Could this be a torsion?
- What do we do if Urology refuses to see the patient?
- What are the features of torsion that differentiate it from other testicular pains?

Marking:

- Actual case – it was a torsion, missed, and testicle had to be removed!

	Mark
Identifies possibility this could be a torsion	2
Lists signs/symptoms of torsion, preferably with specificity/sensitivity	2
States ultrasound is not definitive enough to exclude torsion	1
Appropriate analgesia	1
Advises operative exploration is needed today, not delayed	1
Escalates case to Urology consultant if Registrar refuses to see	1
Identifies high risk patient given only one testicle left	1
Approach to RMO	1