Overutilization of transfer for testicular torsion: An opportunity for multilevel policy intervention

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The Problem

Transfers for pediatric testicular torsion increasing in Oregon
Transfer delays intervention, associated with increased risk of testicular loss
Transfer creates financial burden for families and health system
Multiple systems factors creating drive to transfer

Possible Solutions

National
- Request statement from national associations affirming standard of locally provided care

State
- Educate at state urological or surgical association meetings
- Create and share maps of urology coverage throughout state
- Request statements from state medical boards affirming standard of locally provided care

Hospital/Hospital System
- Petition leadership to adapt policies preventing care of pediatric patients

Individual/Individual Practice
- Educate local partners (urologists, pediatric surgeons, general surgeons)