Thyroglossal duct cyst

What is a thyroglossal duct cyst?
This is a benign cyst. It appears in the middle of the neck under the chin and does not cause pain, unless it is infected.

The cyst will appear to move up and down when your child sticks out his or her tongue or swallows. The cyst commonly appears in children between 2 and 10 years old.

What tests are needed to diagnose the condition?
There is no test required. The diagnosis is made by a physical exam.

What to expect at your child’s appointment:
Your child will be seen and evaluated in our Pediatric Surgery clinic by one of our pediatric surgeons or the physician assistant. We usually recommend surgery to remove the cyst. We will schedule outpatient surgery for your child. You and your child will arrive at the hospital on the morning of surgery and return home the same day.

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