Pediatric epigastric hernia

What is an epigastric hernia?
A hernia occurs when tissue, part of an organ or fat bulges out of its normal place in the body, typically from a hole in the muscle layer. An epigastric hernia occurs when there is an incomplete closure of the muscle layer in the middle of the abdomen above the belly button.

What to expect at your appointment:
Your child will be seen and evaluated in our Pediatric Surgery clinic by one of our pediatric surgeons and/or the physician assistant (PA). If surgical correction is required, a date will be chosen for the procedure. The surgery usually is an outpatient procedure; you will arrive at the hospital on the morning of surgery and return home the same day.

What tests are required?
There is no test required for diagnosis. The diagnosis is made by physical examination.

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