**Fact Sheet**

**Rectal prolapse**

**What is rectal prolapse?**
Rectal prolapse occurs when part of the rectum comes out of the child’s bottom after a bowel movement. The tissue that sticks out may go back in on its own or it may need to be pushed back inside the child’s bottom. The condition can be caused by diarrhea or passing hard stools.

**What tests are needed?**
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. Surgery is usually not needed. Treatment usually involves getting the child to have regular bowel movements and pass soft stools.

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