

## **Parental Feedback on Endoscopic correction of VUR - Printable version**

Please find enclosed my account of James' past 6 years & the Injection procedure for Reflux.

At the age of 9 days old James was rushed to hospital at which point an unknown infection was diagnosed. This was treated and a full recovery was made.

At the age of 9 weeks old he was rushed in again, this time a Urinary Tract Infection was found and subsequent tests showed a grade 4 reflux to one kidney and a grade 1 reflux to the other. Further tests proved that the infection had caused scarring and a reduction in function to the left kidney. Prophylactic antibiotics were prescribed and administered but despite this 2 further break-through infections occurred.

After 2 years of antibiotics further tests were carried out and this revealed a further reduction in kidney function to just 33%.

At this point James was referred to the care of Mr Subramaniam who discussed with us the Injection procedure to repair the reflux. Mr Subramaniam's confidence in the procedure combined with our desperation to prevent further damage brought us to the decision to go ahead.

James was now 2 years 6 months old.

The procedure was a great success, completely repairing both reflux. James was in hospital as a day patient and his only discomfort was during his first urination, but this was only moments. By that evening he was happy and content and sleeping like a baby. We immediately stopped all antibiotics. James has not endured any further infections since this time. My only wish is that we would have been referred to Mr Subramaniam when James was 9 weeks old and his first UTI was found, instead of 2 years later after incurring more kidney damage.

My son is now 6 years old and despite the previous damage to one kidney he is a very healthy, above average height child. He will have to have annual checks on his urine and blood pressure for the rest of his life due to the scarring but other than this he can now live a perfectly happy and full life.

I would recommend the Injection procedure to all and everybody it suited.