

Gastroschisis

FACTS:

- In this condition the baby is born with a hole or weakness in the muscles of the abdominal wall that allows the internal organs to protrude.
- This condition requires immediate surgery. Seek medical attention immediately.
- The protruding organs should be carefully covered by a damp towel and care taken to prevent infection.
- After surgery observe the child for abdominal pain, difficulty with passing stools or fever. Consult a doctor immediately if these symptoms occur.



Sometimes a child is born with one or more internal organs on the outside of his or her body.



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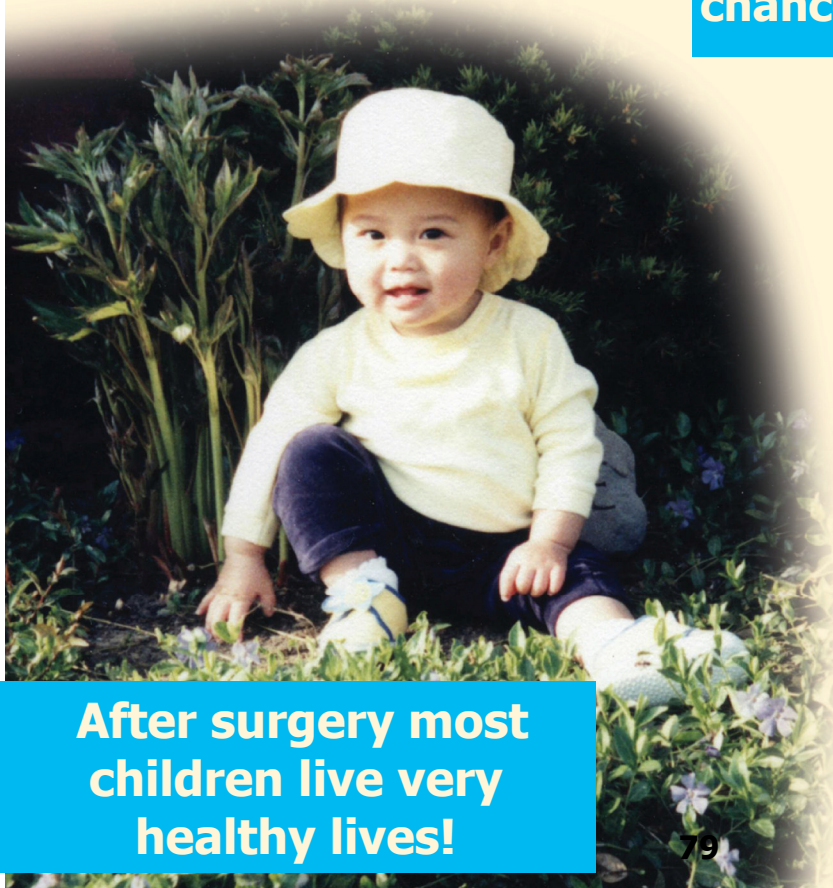


TREATMENT:

- **Surgery is the only treatment.**
- **Most children have no further problems once the defect in the abdominal wall is repaired**



**Once a child is healed,
he or she has a great
chance of finding a home.**



**After surgery most
children live very
healthy lives!**