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**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

**Name:**

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This child has had their bladder enlarged [bladder augmentation] using intestine. A very rare, but important, complication of this surgery is **SPONTANEOUS PERFORATION** of the augmented bladder. This usually presents rather like severe appendicitis with abdominal pain in a child who is shocked or very unwell. It is vital to consider this diagnosis in **ANY** child with an augmentation who presents with abdominal pain.

If this child has presented to you with abdominal pain and is unwell, please refer him/her urgently to the on call paediatric surgeon/urologist at Bristol Children's Hospital.

If possible a **CATHETER** should be inserted (either urethral or via a Mitrofanoff) to establish drainage of the augmented bladder.

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