

Varicocele

COLLECTION OF BLOOD THAT CAUSES SWELLING IN THE VEINS ABOVE THE TESTICLE

Causes:

- Valves inside the veins above the testicles do not function properly causing blood to pool in the vein of the spermatic cord

Symptoms:

- Achy or heavy feeling in the scrotum
- Swelling or fullness above the testicle, usually on the left side
- Low sperm count
- Noticeable decrease in the size of the testicle

Treatment:

- Watchful waiting if the patient has no pain or discomfort
- Varicocelectomy: a surgical procedure used to relieve the enlarged veins. This procedure is often performed if a patient has low sperm count and trying to conceive. In many cases, sperm count improves after treatment

