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Title	Crossing the Age Barrier in Distal Hypospadias Repair: When Size Matters More Than Age
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Sir,

We recently performed day-care surgery in a 3-month-old boy with distal penile hypospadias, with a stretched penile length of 4 cm and a glans width of 18 mm. Tubularized incised plate urethroplasty was performed with an uneventful outcome (Fig. 1). The available literature lacks studies exclusively evaluating outcomes of hypospadias repair in infants younger than six months. However, evidence from contemporary series

suggests that early infancy repair, particularly for distal hypospadias, is safe and feasible. Snodgrass and Bush reported that age at surgery does not independently influence complication rates when meticulous technique and appropriate patient selection are ensured.¹ Similarly, Perlmutter et al. demonstrated that younger age was not associated with increased rates of urethrocutaneous fistula or meatal stenosis.² Although reference standards for stretched penile length in Indian boys are available,³ we observed no clear correlation between age and penile length. Penile anthropometry, not age, determines optimal timing for safe hypospadias repair.

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Editorial Comment:-

Considering risks of anesthesia, hospitalization. We are not sure if such major surgery should be undertaken for a non space - threatening condition. Some time discretion is the better part of valor.

Editor

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