

Sacral dimple

What is a sacral dimple?

- A sacral dimple is an indent in the skin on the lower back. It is usually located about the crease between the buttocks.
- A sacral dimple may be present at birth (congenital). The cause may not be known.
- Most dimples in this location are harmless and do not need any treatment.
- There is nothing special that you need to do if your child has a sacral dimple.

When is a sacral dimple a concern?

- A sacral dimple can be related to problems with the spinal cord. There may be a concern if the sacral dimple:
 - is above the buttock crease
 - has a patch of hair, skin discolouration or a birthmark
 - is leaking fluid
- If the spinal cord may be involved, your child will have tests to look at his or her spine. Tests may include an ultrasound or Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI). Your child does not need to stay in the hospital for these tests. When the tests are done, we will see you in the 2G Pediatric Neurology Clinic and talk about the results.

**If you have any questions, please ask a member
of your child's health care team.**