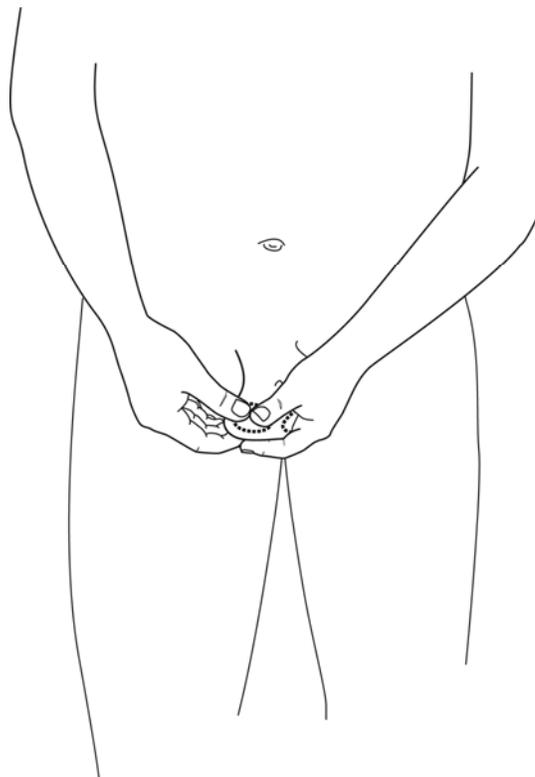


Testicular Self Exam

Men should check their testes each month starting in their teen years. Cancer of the testes can often be cured if found early.

Steps

1. After taking a warm bath or shower, stand in front of a mirror. Look for any swelling of the skin around the testes.
2. Use both hands to feel each testicle – one at a time. Place your fingers under each testicle with your thumbs on top.
3. Roll each testicle gently between your thumbs and fingers. Feel for any lumps. You should not feel any pain as you do this. You will feel a soft tube-like structure behind the testicle, which stores and transports sperm. Repeat on the other side.



See your doctor right away if you have:

- A lump
- A testicle that becomes larger or shrinks
- A feeling of heaviness or a large amount of fluid in the skin around the testes
- Pain or aching in the testes, groin or lower abdomen
- Tender or enlarged breasts

Talk to your doctor if you have any questions or concerns about your self exam.

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