



## HOW IS THE BLADDER EXTROPHY TRATED AND ALL THE OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH SURROUND IT?

The bladder extrophy requires a surgical intervention. The treatment that will be carried out on each child will depend on the kind or size of the abnormality. As there are not two children with exactly the same extrophy, no treatment will be alike. The surgical techniques for children with extrophy have developed considerably and the investigation goes on with the aim of correcting the defect and obtaining continence in only one procedure.

## WHICH ARE THE AIMS OF THIS TREATMENT?

The aims of the organised reconstruction by steps or stages include:

- a) Closure of the bladder and urethra
- b) Closure of the abdominal wall
- c) Preserving the renal and sexual functions
- d) Satisfying esthetic appearance of the penis for boys and external genitals for girls
- e) A psychological stable state for the child and his/ her family.

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