

## **CASE STUDY: OMPHALOCELE**

An omphalocele is a congenital abnormality, in which the abdominal contents are outside the abdomen in a sac, due to a defect in the development of the muscles of the abdominal wall. Approximately 25-40% of infants with an omphalocele have other birth defects, including genetic problems affecting the spine, heart, and digestive system.

Typically, small omphaloceles are surgically repaired after birth. Large omphaloceles are surgically repaired over a period of time so that the child can grow and the abdominal cavity can accommodate the organs.

Until repaired, care must be taken to protect the exposed organs from injury.

Please address the following questions when discussing your case study:

- What are some characteristics that a child with this condition may have and how can they affect how the child is transported?
- What are some general guidelines to consider when transporting a child with this condition? (You don't have to give specific restraint names, only general categories)