



## **Testicular Torsion**

Welcome and thank you for joining me. I'm Gerry Oginski a New York Medical malpractice and personal injury trial lawyer practicing law here in the State of New York.

Today's topic is about testicular torsion. What is it and why is it important? Testicular torsion is when the testicle twists upon itself and the cords that provide the blood supply to the testicle become twisted and closed off.

Well, what's the big deal? The big deal is that if the testicle no longer has a blood supply what happens is the testicle, literally, will die and will necroses, meaning that the tissue will die off. You will experience significant pain when you have the torsion. Many people will ignore it and try and take a bath, try and take a hot shower or take some Tylenol. The problem with testicular torsion if the testicle is not untwisted surgically, then you will lose the opportunity to untwist it and keep that testicle alive. So you have a very limited time in which to do that. The doctors call that time limit a "window of opportunity."

So why do I tell you this? Because I have handled a number of cases involving a failure to timely diagnose and treat testicular torsion, especially involving children. So why is this important? It's important because if the testicle is not saved, it may impair the child's ability to have children later on, and that's very significant.

The key thing to remember is, with testicular pain, you've got to get to a doctor or to a hospital as soon as possible to make sure that it is not something that is torsing or twisting upon itself. If the testicle has twisted upon itself, you're going to need, most likely, surgical treatment to take care of that.

That's it for today. I'm Gerry Oginski and I want to thank you for joining me here in New York. Have a great day.

If you have legal questions, then I encourage you to pick up the phone and call me. You can reach me at 516-487-8207 or by email at [lawmed10@yahoo.com](mailto:lawmed10@yahoo.com). I welcome your call.