



Patient Preparation

Prior to surgery...

The pig is starved for 12 hours prior to surgery and water removed 6 hours before surgery.

Note the pig is very prone to gastric ulceration which can start within 24 hours of not eating.

The Surgical Site

- Soak cotton swabs in mild disinfectant or antiseptic solution tincture of iodine
- Once the pig is restrained, clean the scrotum and surrounding perineal area with a soaked cotton swab.
- Clip out the long hairs.
- Examine the testicles to determine if there are two of similar size.
- If there is a scrotal enlargement, it could indicate a scrotal hernia.
- Consider differential disorders such as hydrocele, scirrhus cord & hematoma before confirming this diagnosis.
- Do not castrate the pig before repairing the hernia. The pig's intestines will be forced through the incision. Sometimes the testicle is removed before a scrotal hernia is discovered. If this happens the herniation must be repaired by suturing immediately.

Inguinal and scrotal hernia

- Inguinal h. : protrusion of an organ through the inguinal canal (bubonocoele)

