

## **Pediatric Surgical Services, Inc.**

### **PATIENT INFORMATION SHEET REGARDING**

### **Gastroschisis, omphalocele, malrotation, and diaphragmatic hernia.**

Because of the congenital anomaly that your baby has, your baby is at risk to develop a mid-gut volvulus. The presentation for this would be **bilious/green vomit**. If your baby develops **green vomit**, then you **need to seek medical attention as soon as possible**. If a mid-gut volvulus (twisting of the bowel) does occur, this is life threatening and if not corrected, the baby could have serious consequences such as having most of the intestine die and cause short gut syndrome for the baby and possibility of death for the baby. Thus, if this ever occurs, call us or go immediately to the hospital and the baby would need an upper GI series to rule this out.

Also, when children have this congenital anomaly, the appendix is often located in an abnormal position such as the left side of the abdomen. Thus, usually when patients have acute appendicitis, they present with right lower quadrant pain. Your baby may have left sided pain and this could represent appendicitis.