

Vesicoamniotic Shunting

Vesicoamniotic shunting is the placement of small plastic tubes into the fetal bladder to allow the urine that is blocked to flow out into the amniotic sac.

A block in the bladder or the tubes that attach the bladder and kidneys together will cause the baby's bladder or the tubes (ureters) to enlarge. This pressure on the kidneys results in tissue damage and may affect kidney function. The most common reason for inserting a vesicoamniotic shunt is for the treatment of posterior urethral valves.