REVIEW OF HERNIA RISK FACTORS IN

BAQUBAH TEACHING HOSPITAL

Definition

A hernia is the protrusion of part of the abdominal contents beyond the normal confines of the abdominal wall.

It consists of three parts:

1 the sac, is a pouch (diverticulum) of peritoneum and has a neck and a body.

2 the contents consist of any structure found within the abdominal cavity and may vary from a small piece of omentum to a large viscus such as the kidney.

3 the coverings of the sac. are formed from the layers of the abdominal wall through which the hernial sac passes