What is a Rectal Suction Biopsy?
This is a minimally invasive procedure that is done to obtain tissue from the inside of your child's rectum.

How is the procedure performed?
Your child may or may not be asleep during the procedure. A small suction device is inserted into the rectum about 3 cm and the tissue sample is taken. The tissue is then sent to the pathologist who looks at it under a microscope to see if there are nerve cells. You might notice a small amount of blood in your child's stool. This should resolve in about 24 hours. The test results will help your doctor to make a diagnosis in your child's case and to plan treatment.

Why does my child need this test?
Your child might need this test if they are having chronic problems with constipation, difficulty passing stools, or if they are having accidents/leakage of stool. This test is used in helping to diagnose Hirschsprung's Disease which is the lack of the normal nerve cells in the rectum.

When will we get results of the test?
Normally the biopsy results will be available in 5 to 7 days.