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FIGURE Patient at the age of seven years. Note the central maxillary incisor, prominent ears, and fleshy nasal tip.

which has apparently resulted from this malformation has caused considerable problems for this child in terms of enuresis and encopresis, without obvious neurological deficits in the legs. Bowel and bladder

problems are not unusual in children with developmental delay or mental retardation, and it is tempting to associate these problems with poor intellect, behaviour, or difficulties with parenting. The possibility of a structural basis for these problems should be considered, particularly in a child with other malformations or a chromosomal abnormality. The stance abnormalities associated with $18p-2$ might also be related to sacral anomalies, although this possibility has not been investigated in most reported patients.

It is noteworthy that the single central maxillary incisor, first noted in the primary dentition, has also occurred in the permanent dentition (figure).

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