

## Untreated congenital hip dislocation

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An 11 year old girl, newly arrived from Pakistan, was referred to the emergency department for evaluation of hip pain lasting months. Her father reported that she complained of left hip pain which had intensified in recent days. Since learning to walk, the girl had always limped with her left leg but there had been no previous trauma in the area.

Physical examination revealed a shortened left leg with external rotation. The dislocated head of the left femur was palpable. The patient spontaneously mobilized the limb and her gait involved left foot tip-toeing. Plain x-ray allowed the diagnosis of evolved phase congenital hip luxation. The patient was referred to the Trauma Department for possible treatment assessment.



**Figure 1.** Left hip luxation with formation of a pseudocotyloid and left femoral head alteration.

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