Musculoskeletal case 22. Presentation

A 17-year-old girl complained of recurrent episodes of pain and associated instability of both knees. She had no medical history, but her father, whom she described as having a lifelong limp, had recently begun dialysis for renal failure. On examination the patient had hypoplastic, ridged thumbnails and small, barely palpable patellae. The following radiographs were obtained: a straight anteroposterior view of the left knee (Fig. 1), a skyline view of both knees (Fig. 2) and an anteroposterior view of the pelvis (Fig. 3).

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FIG. 1. FIG. 3.

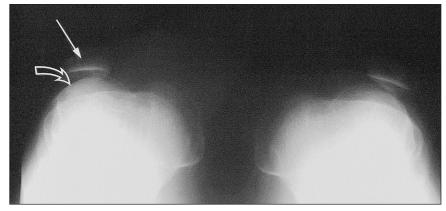


FIG. 2.



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