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Dear Mr. Agger,

I have just finished watching the Phil Donahue Show. My only complaint is that you won't be featured guest for the rest of the week. I'm sure the lucky ladies in the audience could keep you captive with their questions for days. I know I could - but I will ask only one:

As I watched the show I was feeding my 6 day old son! Born March 29 at 12:17 A.M. - 7 lb. 15 oz. - 20 inches. Normal delivery - beautiful baby. But when the doctor discharged me Saturday, he told me they had taken xrays. My son has a "dimple" at the base of his spine, that appears as a navel. And the coccyx seems to tip up. The doctor says he is normal. I was so relieved that it wasn't

spina bifida (my own first thought and probably the doctor's, tho he did not say so). But since I'm home other thoughts come. Hip defect, motor impairment, what? He is alert & active, so far it looks fine.

A bit more history before my question. I have 2 daughters - age 5 and 4 - perfect. I have a slight dimple at the base of my spine (I don't know if it was noticeable at birth, but it has been pointed out to me by M.D.'s since.).

I know you can't diagnose by mail - and don't have time if you would.

Question: Do I trust my doctor in his diagnosis of normal - or find a good pediatrician? This is my son & time could be important if surgery would be indicated.

Please reply.

thank you

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