

Sensory disturbances usually parallel to motor dysfunction

- Below second lumbar vertebra:
- Flaccid, partial paralysis of lower extremities
- Varying degrees of sensory deficit
- Overflow incontinence with constant dribbling of urine
- Lack of bowel control
- Rectal prolapse (sometimes)
- Below third sacral vertebra:
- No motor impairment
- May have saddle anesthesia with bladder and anal sphincter paralysis

Joint deformities (sometimes produced in utero):

- Talipes valgus or varus contractures
- Kyphosis
- Lumbosacral scoliosis
- Hip dislocation or subluxation

Spina Bifida Occulta

Frequently no observable manifestations