

# Phase I or Monitor



9-year-old referral leaves doc at a fork in the road.

**Introduction:**

9-year-old girl referred by her general dentist for orthodontic consultation.  
 Health Hx: Nothing significant.  
 My plan is to extract ULC & D and monitor. Would you do 2x4 and consolidate upper spaces? ■



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Nice panorex. Please tell me the dentist sent that! I would not do a 2x4 with an UL3 that looks like that. Chances are an exposure is in her future, but hope for the best. I would recommend getting URC out as well. I've had more than one with a bad position on one side like this one, left the other side alone, and then that one impacts. ■

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I'd consider extracting the Cs and a 2x2 with tip-back bends and circle stops to intrude and retract. There might be some risk of trauma given the proclination. Once the space U1-1 is consolidated, I'd eval the position of the 3s to see if getting on the 2s is reasonable. ■

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Exo C's, Recall 6-12 months. I would not feel comfortable uprighting the laterals with the cuspid in its current position. ■

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