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Pallesthesia

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Synonyms

[Vibratory sense](#)

Definition

The ability to feel mechanical vibrations on or near the body, such as when a vibrating tuning

fork (typically 128 Hz) is placed over a bony prominence. A standard procedure in the neurological exam, it is used to test the integrity of the peripheral nerves and the lemniscal system (posterior columns).

Cross-References

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References and Readings

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