Pudendal nerve testing

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Dear Editor:

The recent report on “Pudendal nerve testing” is very interesting [1]. Cooper et al. concluded that “Pudendal nerve testing does not contribute to surgical decision making following anorectal testing in patients with faecal incontinence [1].” Cooper et al. also questioned “the utility of this investigation [1].” In fact, pudendal nerve testing is a very classical physical examination and requires no cost for testing. Since it is a physical examination, it might be considered subjective, and the accuracy of the result also depends on the technique and experience of the practitioner [2, 3]. As noted by Yip et al., “the technique is seldom taught and mastered in colorectal training programs,” and this might be the cause that the practitioner cannot correctly perform the testing and destroyed the usefulness of “Pudendal nerve testing [4].”

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