

Newborn Reflexes Assessment Form

| Patient information | | | |
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| Patient's name: | | | |
| Date of birth: | | Sex: | |
| Weight (kg): | | Height (cm): | |
| Each reflex should be observed and documented during the assessment. Mark "Yes" for present or "No" for absent in the corresponding column. Note any additional observations or concerns regarding the reflex response. | | | |
| Reflex | Description | Present | Comments |
| Babinski reflex | When the sole of the foot is stroked firmly, the big toe moves upward or toward the top of the foot. | Yes No | |
| Extrusion reflex | When the baby's tongue is touched, they will push it out. | Yes No | |
| Moro reflex | If the baby's head moves suddenly or if they're startled by a loud noise, they'll extend their limbs and neck before quickly bringing their arms together, often crying. | Yes No | |
| Palmar grasp reflex | The baby will grasp an object placed in their hand. | Yes No | |
| Plantar grasp reflex | The baby will curl their toes around an object placed at the base of their toes. | Yes No | |
| Rooting reflex | When the baby's cheek or mouth is touched, they will turn their head toward the stimulus. | Yes No | |
| Stepping reflex | The baby will make walking movements when held upright with their feet touching a flat surface. | Yes No | |
| Sucking reflex | The baby will suck when something touches the roof of their mouth. | Yes No | |

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| Tonic neck reflex | When the baby's head is turned to one side, the arm on that side extends while the opposite arm bends. | Yes No | |
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| | | Yes No | |
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Comments/observations

Nurse's information

Name of nurse:

Nurse's signature:

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Date of assessment: