

Piano Key Test

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Examiner:

Test overview

The Piano Key Test evaluates the stability of the distal radio-ulnar joint (DRUJ).

Test procedure

1. Firmly stabilize the distal radius with one hand.
2. With the other hand, grasp the head of the ulna between the thumb and index finger.
3. Depress the ulnar head anteriorly, similar to pressing a key on a piano.

Results

Positive: The test is positive if there is excessive movement in an anterior (palmar) direction or if, upon release of the ulna, the bone springs back into its high posterior (dorsal) position.

Negative: The test is negative if there is minimal movement or no movement at all in the anterior direction.

Additional notes

Healthcare professional's information

Name:

License number:

Contact number:

Signature:

Reference

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<https://orthofixar.com/special-test/piano-key-sign/>