

Masseter reflex examination

Purpose of the Examination

The purpose of the examination is to study the functionality of the nerve pathway leading to the mastication muscles, and the deeper parts of the brain.

Preparing for the Examination

- Wash your face before coming to the examination. Do not use any make-up or skin lotions.

Examination Process

You will sit on a chair during the examination. The skin on your cheeks is cleaned. Measurement labels are attached on your skin, on top of your mastication muscles. A technician will put his/her thumb on your jaw and knock lightly on the thumb with a reflex hammer a couple of times. The examination does not cause pain and it lasts for about half an hour.

After the Examination

The clinical neurophysiology physician will write a report about the examination. The report is directed to the ward or clinic that commissioned the examination. They will inform you of the examination results and any possible follow-ups.