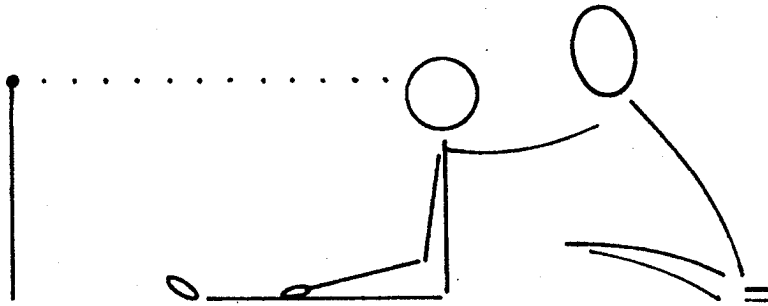


15 LABYRINTHINE HEADRIGHTING REFLEX

Emergence: 2-3 months neonatal
Not inhibited.



Test Position

Same as for oculo-headrighting reflex, but the subject is asked to fixate his eyes on an object at eye level, and then **CLOSE** his eyes and to imagine looking at the object during the entire testing procedure.

Test Procedure

1. Subject is instructed to fixate the eyes at eye level object, and then close the eyes and visualize the object throughout the entire testing procedure.
2. Follow the same testing procedure as for oculo-headrighting reflex.

Observations

Note position of the head in all four quadrants, but also note where the subject's closed eyes seem to be directed. (Many children can compensate when their eyes are open, but rapidly lose any sense of where they are in space as soon as the eyes are closed.)

Scoring

0. Head corrects to the vertical midline position throughout the testing
1. Head slips slightly from the vertical
2. Head follows direction of the tilt in line with body
3. Head slips below the line of the body
4. Head drops in the direction of the tilt — no righting apparent.

Also note any compensatory turning of the head — this is **NOT** the same as automatic righting.