

# Tails' sign



'*Chvostk's sign* is positive if, when tapped on the branch of the facial nerve, preferably above the parotid gland or closer to the corner of the mouth, a homolateral twitch of the upper lip filter is evoked towards the side of the tap. It is a manifestation of increased idioneural irritability.<sup>[1]</sup> The symptom is usually positive in hypocalcemia. <sup>[2]</sup>

The symptom is named after a Czech internist, František Chvostek, who worked in Vienna in the 19th century.<sup>[3]</sup>

## Links

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### External links

- ► Tails' symptom - video (<https://el.lf1.cuni.cz/neuronorma/default/video/video10.html>)<sup>[1]</sup>
- Neurological examination – standard (<https://el.lf1.cuni.cz/neurologie>) (Centre of electronic education 1.lf UK)

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