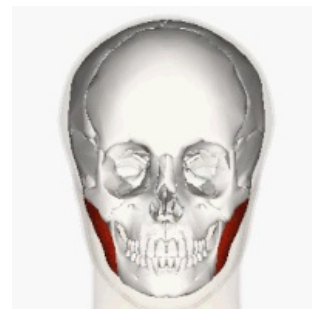


# Masseter reflex

The **Masseter reflex** is elicited by tapping the examiner's finger with a mallet placed across the examinee's chin, with the patient's [[oral cavity|mouth] slightly open. The equipment of this reflex belongs to the examination of the function **n. trigeminus**. In a healthy patient, the response is a quick and reasonable advance of closing the lower jaw, which is given by the contraction of the muscle of mastication.<sup>[1]</sup>

'*Increased masseter reflex* may be present in patients with pseudobulbar syndrome, in bulbar syndrome the reflex is absent. Furthermore, increased reflexes are common in patients with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.<sup>[2]</sup> ► *Masseterový reflex* (video, neurologie 1.LF UK) (<https://el.lf1.cuni.cz/neuronorma/default/video/video7.html>)



Musculus masseter

## Links

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- Examination of tendon-muscle reflexes and skin sensitivity

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