

Orthostatic reaction

Orthostatic reaction is the organism's reflex reaction to orthostatic hypotension - a decrease in blood pressure due to the change in position from lying down to standing. It is mediated by the baroreflex. A decrease in blood pressure causes a decrease in the activity of baroreceptors in the *sinus caroticus* and *arcus aortae*, which leads to parasympathetic inhibition and a decrease in sympathetic inhibition. This results in **vasoconstriction, increased heart rate and contractility**^[1].

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