

Sucking reflex

The sucking reflex is elicited by touching or swiping a spatula, mentolabially or nasolabially or directly on the lips; when the reflex is present, the lips curl up. ^[1] Rarely, the patient reacts to irritation by literally "snapping" the lips, the so-called *bulldog* reflex.^[2] Similar to the labial reflex, it is physiologically present only in infants. Pathologically, it is a manifestation of frontal release. ^[1]

Video - Examination of the sucking reflex, physiological finding (Centrum elektronického vzdělávání 1.LF UK) (<https://el.lf1.cuni.cz/neuronorma/default/video/video11.html>)^[1]

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- Labial reflex

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- Neurological examination - standard (Centrum elektronického vzdělávání 1.LF UK) (<https://el.lf1.cuni.cz/neurologie>)

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