

Total **12** Newborn Reflexes



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Tonic neck reflex

**Age of reflex
disappearance -
3-4 months**

A normal response in newborns characterized by extension of the arm and the leg on the side of the body to which the head is quickly turned while the infant is supine and to flex the limbs of the opposite side.



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Doll's eye reflex

**Age of reflex
disappearance -
3 To 4 months**

Doll's eye reflex can be noted with the infant supine (lying on the back) and slowly turning the head to either side. The infant's eyes will remain stationary



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Palmer grasp

reflex

**Age of reflex
disappearance -**

4 months

Palmar grasp reflex (sometimes simply called grasp reflex) is a primitive reflex ... When an object is placed in an infant's hand and the palm of the child is stroked, the fingers will close reflexively, as the object is grasped via palmar grasp.



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Moros reflex

**Age of reflex
disappearance -
3-6 months**

**Hold the newborn in
semi sitting position
and then immediately
drops down the head
end 30 degree.**

**The newborn responses
by sharp extension
with abduction followed
by sharp flexion and
adduction, the thumb
and four fingers in C
shaped position.**



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**Dancing
(Stepping)**

reflex

**Age of reflex
disappearance -
3-4 months**

Keep the newborn in vertical position and allow one or both foot to touch the firm surface, the newborn response by Rapid flexion and extension of lower extremities and it gives the appearance that the newborn is dancing or walking.



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Rooting

reflex

**Age of reflex
disappearance -**

3-4 months

A reflex that is seen in normal newborn babies, who automatically turn the face toward the stimulus and make sucking (rooting) motions with the mouth when the cheek or lip is touched. The rooting reflex helps to ensure successful breastfeeding.



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Gag

reflex

**Age of reflex
disappearance -**

Never disappear.

The gag reflex is a contraction of the back of the throat triggered by an object touching the roof of your mouth, the back of your tongue, the area around your tonsils. The reflex helps prevent choking.



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Coughing

reflex

Age of reflex
disappearance -
Never disappear

When any foreign particle
stimulates the airway
of the newborn
response by coughing.



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Sneezing

reflex

Age of reflex
disappearance -

Never disappear

When any foreign particle
stimulates the upper airway
the newborn response by
sneezing.



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Swallow reflex

Age of reflex
disappearance -
Never disappear

When an infant's lips and mouth area are touched, the mouth opens and suckling or sucking movements begin. As liquid moves into the mouth, the tongue immediately moves it to the back of the mouth for swallowing



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Sucking

reflex

Age of reflex
disappearance -

1 year

Rooting helps the baby become ready to suck. When the roof of the baby's mouth is touched, the baby will begin to suck.



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Babinski reflex

**Age of reflex
disappearance -**
Up to 2 years

The Babinski reflex occurs after the sole of the foot has been firmly stroked. The big toe then moves upward or toward the top surface of the foot. The other toes fan out.



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