

**HACKETTSTOWN MEDICAL CENTER
PHYSICAL/OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PROCEDURE MANUAL
SENSORY EVALUATION**

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POLICY

A sensory evaluation would be necessary to determine extent of neurological involvement. A formal evaluation is completed when definitive data is necessary.

PROCEDURE

1. Purpose is to be explained to the patient.
2. Tools for sensory evaluation (pins, cotton, vibratory hammer, brush, monofilaments) should be clean and pre-gathered for testing.
3. Patient should be relaxed. Area to be tested must be exposed, draping appropriate for rest of body.
4. Test both sides of the body, uninvolved side first.
5. Give patient a few preliminary trials of each testing to prepare them.
6. Be sure to observe patient's facial expression--eyes closed when necessary.
7. Ask clear questions to be sure the responses are clear and concise.
8. Record findings in evaluation and progress notes.