

About the Baseline[®] Two Point Discriminator (Aesthesiometer)

The Baseline® Aesthesiometer 2-Point Discriminator

measures an individuals ability to feel two points of stimulation simultaneously. Use an aesthesiometer to accurately measure the smallest distance between two points that can still be perceived as two separate points by the patient.

This device is ideal for testing skin sensitivity and touch threshold after nerve repair or grafts and innervated tissue transfer for desensitization. Use throughout the rehabilitation process to determine the level of impairment.

Range and Precision

Measure up to 14 centimeters of discrimination. Ruler measures in 0.10 centimeter intervals. Plastic points on the discriminator minimize the impact of temperature on test results.

Care

For continued use of the two point discriminator for years to come be sure to take good care of it. Keep unit protected when not in use to prevent water damage and accidental dropping.

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Using the Two Point Discriminator

Testing Procedure

- 1. Explain and demonstrate the procedure to the patient with his/her eyes open until the procedure is understood
- 2. Have the patient close his/her eyes, or limit the patient's vision
- Begin the test with the aesthesiometer opened greater than the mean value of the body part being tested
- 4. Apply light equal pressure to the two points
- 5. Have the patient identify if he/she feels one or two points
- Use the slider to move the two points closer together and test across consecutive trials until the patient cannot distinguish the two points as separate





- 7. Using the aesthesiometer ruler, measure the distance between the two points
- 8. Repeat test throughout suspected areas and document findings

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