

McGill Pain Questionnaire Quality Descriptors Categorized as Neuropathic (NP) or Nociceptive (Noc)

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Words by NP or Noc Group with Reference Numbers Supporting Classification

Neuropathic Words (NP)

Aching+ (25,29,32,39,56 NP, 29-33 Noc)
Boring
Burning* (19,25,29-33,39)
Cold* (19,25)
Cool
Drawing
Drilling
Flashing* (23)
Flickering
Freezing
Hot
Itchy* (19)
Jumping
Lancinating* (29-31,33)
Numb* (19,56)
Penetrating
Pricking* (19,25,30,31,56)
Quivering
Radiating
Scalding
Searing
Shooting* (25,29,39)
Smarting
Spreading
Stabbing+ (39 NP, 33 Noc)
Stinging+ (39 NP, 56 Noc)
Tight* (29)
Tingling* (19,25,30,31)

Nociceptive Words (Noc)

Beating* (19)
Cramping+ (30,331,33 Noc, 25 NP)
Crushing
Cutting
Dull+ (19,21 Noc, 32 NP)
Gnawing* (30-33)
Heavy* (19, 56)
Hurting
Lacerating* (56)
Piercing
Pinching
Pounding
Pressing
Pulling
Pulsing
Rasping
Sharp+ (25,30,31 Noc, 25 NP)
Sore
Splitting
Squeezing+ (32,33 Noc, 32 NP)
Taut
Tearing
Tender+ (25,32 Noc, 29,56 NP)
Throbbing+ (25,30,31,33 Noc, 25,56 NP)
Tugging
Wrenching

* all references agree with classification

+ references conflict on classification

no symbol means no data other than Melzack's original classification

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