

The VM-PHP is a classic Taylor-style reflex hammer with a teardrop-shaped vulcanised rubber head and a balanced chrome-plated steel handle. It is built for daily clinical use in assessing the patellar, brachioradialis, biceps, triceps and Achilles reflexes, and is available from Vital Medical for GP practices, emergency departments and neurology clinics in South Africa.

What Is the Professional Patella Hammer?

The VM-PHP is a classic Taylor-style reflex hammer built to professional quality standards for reliable daily use in clinical practice. The teardrop-shaped rubber head provides the precise percussive force required to elicit consistent deep tendon reflexes, while the balanced chrome-plated steel handle ensures comfortable grip during neurological examinations.

Clinical Uses and Benefits

The professional patella hammer is an essential diagnostic tool for assessing the patellar, brachioradialis, biceps, triceps, and Achilles reflexes. Graded reflex response (0–4+) provides important information about both upper and lower motor neuron integrity. This hammer's reliable rubber composition does not degrade with frequent clinical use, making it ideal for busy GP practices, emergency departments, and outpatient neurology clinics.

Build Quality and Maintenance

Constructed from chrome-plated steel with a quality vulcanised rubber head, the VM-PHP withstands the demands of daily clinical use. The rubber head resists hardening and cracking under normal storage conditions. The handle can be cleaned with standard surface disinfectants between patient encounters. Its classic design is familiar to all clinicians trained in standard neurological examination technique.

Technical specifications

Specification	Detail
SKU	VM-PHP
Type	Taylor (teardrop) reflex hammer
Head Material	Vulcanised rubber
Handle Material	Chrome-plated steel
Style	Professional quality
Function	Deep tendon reflex assessment
Application	Neurology, GP, emergency
Sterilisation	Surface disinfectant wipe

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