



The VM-PHSSB is an all-stainless steel Babinski patella hammer with a triangular head, built for repeated autoclave sterilisation between patients. It suits deep tendon and plantar reflex testing in surgical theatres, sterile procedure rooms and infection-control environments, and is available from Vital Medical in South Africa.

What Is the Stainless Steel Babinski Patella Hammer?

The VM-PHSSB is a premium all-stainless steel neurological hammer designed for environments requiring full instrument sterilisation between patients. The triangular Babinski head delivers accurate, reproducible percussion for deep tendon reflex testing, while the solid stainless construction allows repeated autoclave cycles without degradation. This makes it the preferred choice for surgical theatres, sterile procedure rooms and high-risk infection control environments.

Clinical Applications

The Babinski design of the VM-PHSSB is particularly suited to plantar reflex testing (Babinski sign), a critical component of neurological evaluation for upper motor neuron lesions. It also performs all standard tendon reflex assessments with the same efficiency as rubber-headed hammers. All-steel construction eliminates concerns about rubber head deterioration, and the instrument maintains its balance and handle grip over thousands of uses.

Infection Control and Construction

Unlike rubber-headed hammers that must be wiped rather than sterilised, the VM-PHSSB withstands standard steam autoclave cycles (134°C). The seamless stainless steel body has no crevices where pathogens can accumulate, supporting the highest infection prevention standards. Suitable for use in NHS-equivalent protocols and SANS healthcare settings.

Technical specifications

Specification	Detail
SKU	VM-PHSSB
Type	Babinski reflex hammer
Head Material	Stainless steel (triangular)
Handle Material	Stainless steel

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Construction	All-metal, seamless
Sterilisation	Autoclavable (134°C steam)
Function	Reflex percussion & plantar testing
Application	Surgical theatres, sterile environments

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