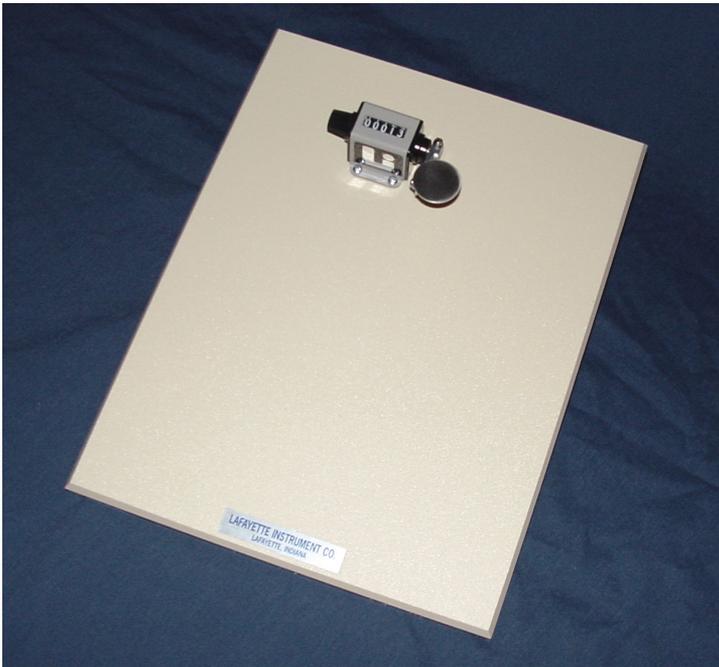


**MAN212**

**Model 32726**

# ***Finger Tapping Test***

## ***User Instructions***



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## Description

This is a measure of maximum oscillation rate of the index finger.

## Materials Needed

Mechanical finger tapper

## Test Instructions

The finger tapper is presented to the patient with the following instructions:

*"Now we are going to see how fast you can tap. We will use this little key here."*

Point out the key to the patient

*"Place your arm and hand in a comfortable position like this and without moving your wrist or arm, I want you to tap as fast as you can with your forefinger like this."*

Examiner demonstrates the correct position: index finger is placed on the key; all other fingers are flat on the board; the heel of the hand should rest firmly on the board and the forearm should rest comfortable across the table. To emphasize the speed, the examiner should tap very quickly for a few seconds.

*"You will have to remember to let the key come all the way up and push it all the way down to click each time, or else the number on the dial won't change."*

Demonstrate how the dial will not change and then quickly repeat the correct method.

*"Now move the board to a comfortable position for your (dominant) hand, and try to practice."*

After a successful practice session, continue:

*"I will tell you when to begin and stop each time. Remember to tap as fast as you can. Ready. Go."*

## Supplementary Instructions

The number of times the patient can tap in an **exact** 10-second trial period is recorded. The number of trials necessary is dependent upon the range of scores. Five consecutive trials within a five-point range are required. The maximum number of trials attempted is 10.

### Example

- If the first 5 scores are: 48, 45, 48, 46, 49; discontinue trials and obtain a mean of 47.
- If the first 5 scores are: 45, 50, 51, 46, 49; more trials must be given.

There are a number of criteria, which must be adhered to, to make a trial valid.



The hand and fingers must be in the correct position for the entire trial. It may be necessary to have the patient hold down his thumb with the hand not being tested, or the examiner may have to hold down the other fingers. This must be gentle, however, so as not to impede the rate.

The patient must use just a finger movement, the arm and wrist should remain resting on the board and table.

The patient should not “flip” the key so that his finger slips off, but tap it in a continuous movement.

Maximum speed should be obtained and encouragement to speed up may be needed. A brief rest period may be necessary after each trial, but after every third trial, a rest period of one minute or two must be given.

The trial period must be an exact 10 seconds. Emphasis should be placed on the patient beginning and stopping as soon as he is told. However, the examiner must start timing when the patient actually begins a trial and record the number of taps at exactly 10 seconds. The patient could tap once or twice beyond the stop signal so examiner must watch dial at exactly 10 seconds.

If any of the above points are not adhered to, discontinue the trial. After explaining the test criteria emphatically, and after a brief rest period, re-administer the trial.

To avoid discontinuing trials, the practice sessions should be specific and all the particular points carefully outlined. At the same time, the practice session should not be excessive to the point that the patient is tired before any actual trials are begun.

## Note

The same procedure is followed with the non-dominant hand including the practice session. All trials with the dominant hand should be completed before introducing the trials with the non-dominant hand.

## Scoring

The dominant and non-dominant trials should be clearly labeled. The scored for each trial is recorded separately in the proper sequence of occurrence. The rest periods given should be noted.

If 5 consecutive scores within a range of 5 points are obtained, calculate the mean of those 5 scores for the final score. If 5 consecutive scores within a range of 5 points was not obtained, and it was necessary to administer 10 trials, take the 5 highest scores from the 10 trials and calculate the mean of those 5 highest scores for the final score.

## Finger Tapping Test (Kiddie)

The description, instructions, and scoring for the Kiddie version are identical to the Adult version with the following exceptions:

### Materials Needed

Electrical finger tapper which is connected to the Motor Steadiness Machine. One important factor is to turn off the “clock” of the motor steadiness machine or turn it away from the child so that he does not make a game of making the hands turn continuously by holding down the key rather than tapping at maximum speed.

Flipping the key can also become a game with a child and should be stopped immediately. The height of the table or chair should be adjusted so that the child’s arm can rest comfortably. Obtaining exact 10 second trial readings is somewhat easier since the examiner can control the number of taps registered by turning the power source on and off.

A child may require more rests in between trials, which should be noted.

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