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Heel to Ear Measurement

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Useful in assessing neonatal neuromuscular development, this is obtained when the infant is placed in a supine position and the infant's feet are grasped pulled toward the ipsilateral ears. The examiner measures the angle made by the arc from the table to the infant's heels; increased angle for age suggests hypotonia, and decreased angle for age suggests hypertonia.