

*International Association for the Study of Pain definitions of pain terms<sup>1</sup>*

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Pain term	Definition
Allodynia	Pain due to a stimulus which does not normally provoke pain.
Analgesia	Absence of pain in response to stimulation which would normally be painful.
Hyperalgesia	An increased response to a stimulus which is normally painful.
Hyperesthesia	Increased sensitivity to stimulation, excluding the special senses.
Hyperpathia	A painful syndrome characterized by an abnormally painful reaction to a stimulus, especially a repetitive stimulus, as well as an increased threshold.
Hypoalgesia	Diminished pain in response to a normally painful stimulus.
Hypoesthesia	Decreased sensitivity to stimulation, excluding the special senses.

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