

## MICRO-THESAURUS 11 PHYSICAL DESCRIPTORS

The purpose of this list is to detail specific physical identification markings. It may be particularly useful for organisations investigating violations of civil and political rights, such as disappearances and torture. It may be used in reference to victims or perpetrators.

The list is reproduced from “The Role of the Forensic Odontologist in Human Rights Investigations”, by Lowell J. Levine.<sup>25</sup> It was published previously as Supporting Document K: Personal Descriptors.<sup>26</sup> The original codes from the Supporting Document are included in the column *1<sup>st</sup> ed. Code*.

This is a hierarchical list with two levels, as described in Rule No. 3 in the *Introduction*.

This Micro-thesaurus is used for fields **926 Physical Description** in the *Person* format and **2116 Physical Consequences** in the *Act* format.

CODE	TERM	1ST ED. CODE
<b>01</b>	<b>Artificial body parts and aids</b>	
01 01	Arm, left, artificial	ART L ARM
01 02	Arm, right, artificial	ART R ARM
01 03	Brace, left arm	BRAC L ARM
01 04	Brace, right arm	BRAC R ARM
01 05	Brace, back	BRAC BACK
01 06	Brace, left leg	BRAC L LEG
01 07	Brace, right leg	BRAC R LEG
01 08	Brace, neck	BRAC NECK
01 09	Braces, teeth	BRAC TEETH
01 10	Contact lenses	CON LENSES
01 11	Denture, lower only	DENT LOW
01 12	Denture, upper only	DENT UP
01 13	Denture, upper and lower	DENT UP LO
01 14	Ear, left, artificial	ART L EAR
01 15	Ear, right, artificial	ART R EAR
01 16	Eye, left, artificial	ART L EYE
01 17	Eye, right, artificial	ART R EYE
01 18	Foot, left, artificial	ART L FT
01 19	Foot, right, artificial	ART R FT
01 20	Glasses (prescription)	GLASSES

<sup>25</sup> Levine, Lowell J. “The Role of the Forensic Odontologist in Human Rights Investigations.” *American Journal of Forensic Medicine and Pathology* 5.4 (1984): 313-320.

<sup>26</sup> Dueck, Judith, and Aída María Noval. "Supporting Document K: Personal Descriptors." *HURIDOCS Standard Formats: Supporting Documents*. Oslo: HURIDOCS, 1993. 113-122.

<b>CODE</b>	<b>TERM</b>	<b>1ST ED. CODE</b>
01 21	Hand, left, artificial	ART L HND
01 22	Hand, right, artificial	ART R HND
01 23	Hearing aid	HEAR AID
01 24	Leg, left, artificial	ART L LEG
01 25	Leg, right, artificial	ART R LEG
<b>02</b>	<b>Eye Disorders</b>	
02 01	Cataract, left eye	CATA L EYE
02 02	Cataract, right eye	CATA R EYE
02 03	Cross-eyed	CROSSEYED
02 04	Eye, left, blind	BLND L EYE
02 05	Eye, right, blind	BLND R EYE
02 06	Eye, left and right blind	BLND
<b>03</b>	<b>Deafness</b>	
03 01	Deaf, left ear	DEAF L EAR
03 02	Deaf, right ear	DEAF R EAR
03 03	Deaf, left and right ears	DEAF
03 04	Deaf-mute	DEAF MUTE
<b>04</b>	<b>Deformities</b>	
04 01	Cauliflower left ear	CAUL L EAR
04 02	Cauliflower right ear	CAUL R EAR
04 03	Cleft palate	CLEFT PAL
04 04	Crippled arm, left	CRIP L ARM
04 05	Crippled arm, right	CRIP R ARM
04 06	Crippled finger(s), left hand (includes webbed fingers)	CRIP L FGR
04 07	Crippled finger(s), right hand (includes webbed fingers)	CRIP R FGR
04 08	Crippled foot, left (includes clubfoot)	CRIP L FT
04 09	Crippled foot, right (includes clubfoot)	CRIP R FT
04 10	Crippled hand, left	CRIP L HND
04 11	Crippled hand, right	CRIP R HND
04 12	Crippled leg, left	CRIP L LEG
04 13	Crippled leg, right	CRIP R LEG
04 14	Crippled toe, left (includes webbed toes)	CRIP L TOE
04 15	Crippled toe, right (includes webbed toes)	CRIP R TOE
04 16	Extra breast, centre	EXTR C BRST
04 17	Extra breast, left	EXTR L BRST
04 18	Extra breast, right	EXTR R BRST
04 19	Extra finger(s), left hand	EXTR LFGR
04 20	Extra finger(s), right hand	EXTR RFGR
04 21	Extra nipple, centre	EXTR C NIP

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04 22	Extra nipple, left	EXTR L NIP
04 23	Extra nipple, right	EXTR R NIP
04 24	Extra toe(s), left foot	EXTR L TOE
04 25	Extra toe(s), right foot	EXTR R TOE
04 26	Harelip	HARELIP
04 27	Humpbacked	HUMPBACKED
04 28	Mute (to be used if person is mute, but not deaf)	MUTE
04 29	Protruding lower jaw	PROT L JAW
04 30	Protruding upper jaw	PROT U JAW
04 31	Shorter left leg	SHRT L LEG
04 32	Shorter right leg	SHRT R LEG
<b>05</b>	<b>Fractured Bones</b>	
05 01	Fractured ankle, left	FRC L ANKL
05 02	Fractured ankle, right	FRC R ANKL
05 03	Fractured forearm, left	FRC LL ARM
05 04	Fractured forearm, right	FRC LR ARM
05 05	Fractured upper arm, left	FRC UL ARM
05 06	Fractured upper arm, right	FRC UR ARM
05 07	Fractured back	FRC BACK
05 08	Fractured clavicle, left	FRC L CLAVI
05 09	Fractured clavicle, right	FRC R CLAVI
05 10	Fractured finger(s), left hand	FRC L FGR
05 11	Fractured finger(s), right hand	FRC R FGR
05 12	Fractured foot, left	FRC L FOOT
05 13	Fractured foot, right	FRC R FOOT
05 14	Fractured hand, left	FRC L HAND
05 15	Fractured hand, right	FRC R HAND
05 16	Fractured jaw, upper left	FRC UL JAW
05 17	Fractured jaw, upper right	FRC UR JAW
05 18	Fractured jaw, lower left	FRC LL JAW
05 19	Fractured jaw, lower right	FRC LR JAW
05 20	Fractured knee, left	FRC LKNEE
05 21	Fractured knee, right	FRC RKNEE
05 22	Fractured lower leg, left	FRC LL LEG
05 23	Fractured lower leg, right	FRC LR LEG
05 24	Fractured thigh, left	FRC UL LEG
05 25	Fractured thigh, right	FRC UR LEG
05 26	Fractured neck	FRC NECK
05 27	Fractured nose	FRC NOSE
05 28	Fractured pelvic bone, left	FRC L PELVI
05 29	Fractured pelvic bone, right	FRC R PELVI
05 30	Fractured rib(s), left	FRC L RIB
05 31	Fractured rib(s), right	FRC R RIB
05 32	Fractured shoulder, left	FRC L SHLD
05 33	Fractured shoulder, right	FRC R SHLD

<b>CODE</b>	<b>TERM</b>	<b>1ST ED. CODE</b>
05 34	Fractured skull	FRC SKULL
05 35	Fractured spine	FRC SPINE
05 36	Fractured sternum	FRC STERN
05 37	Fractured toe(s), left foot	FRC L TOE
05 38	Fractured toe(s), right foot	FRC R TOE
05 39	Fractured wrist, left	FRC L WRST
05 40	Fractured wrist, right	FRC R WRST
<b>06</b>	<b>Medical Devices</b>	
06 01	Artificial elbow joint	ART ELBOW
06 02	Artificial hip joint	ART HIP
06 03	Artificial knee joint	ART KNEE
06 04	Artificial larynx	ART LARYNX
06 05	Artificial shoulder joint	ART SHLD
06 06	Cardiac pacemaker	CARD PACEM
06 07	Colostomy appliances	COLOST APP
06 08	Intramedullary rod	INTRA ROD
06 09	Intrauterine device	IUD
06 10	Orthopaedic nail or pin	ORTH NAIL
06 11	Orthopaedic plate	ORTH PLATE
06 12	Orthopaedic screw	ORTH SCREW
06 13	Shunt, arterial, vascular	SHUNT ART
06 14	Shunt, cerebral ventricle	SHUNT CERB
06 15	Skull plate	SKL PLATE
06 16	Staples	STAPLES
06 17	Tubes in ears, both	EAR TUBES
06 18	Tubes in ear, left	TUBE L EAR
06 19	Tubes in ear, right	TUBE R EAR
06 20	Vascular prosthesis	VASC PROTH
06 21	Wire sutures	WIRE SUTUR
<b>07</b>	<b>Missing Body Parts/Organs</b>	
07 01	Missing adenoids	MISS ADND
07 02	Missing appendix	MISS APPNX
07 03	Missing arm, left	MISS L ARM
07 04	Missing arm, right	MISS R ARM
07 05	Missing arm, lower left	MISS LL ARM
07 06	Missing arm, lower right	MISS LR ARM
07 07	Missing breasts	MISS BRSTS
07 08	Missing breast, left	MISS L BRST
07 09	Missing breast, right	MISS R BRST
07 10	Missing ear, left	MISS L EAR
07 11	Missing ear, right	MISS R EAR
07 12	Missing eye, left	MISS L EYE
07 13	Missing eye, right	MISS R EYE

<b>CODE</b>	<b>TERM</b>	<b>1ST ED. CODE</b>
07 14	Missing finger(s), left hand	MISS L FGR
07 15	Missing finger(s), right hand	MISS R FGR
07 16	Missing finger joint(s), left hand	MISS L FJT
07 17	Missing finger joint(s), right hand	MISS R FJT
07 18	Missing foot, left	MISS L FT
07 19	Missing foot, right	MISS R FT
07 20	Missing gallbladder	MISS GALL
07 21	Missing hand, left	MISS L HND
07 22	Missing hand, right	MISS R HND
07 23	Missing intestines	MISS INTES
07 24	Missing kidney, left	MISS L KI
07 25	Missing kidney, right	MISS R KI
07 26	Missing larynx	MISS LRYNX
07 27	Missing leg, left	MISS L LEG
07 28	Missing leg, right	MISS R LEG
07 29	Missing leg, lower left	MISS LL LEG
07 30	Missing leg, lower right	MISS LR LEG
07 31	Missing lung, left	MISS L LUNG
07 32	Missing lung, right	MISS R LUNG
07 33	Missing nose	MISS NOSE
07 34	Missing ovaries	MISS OVARS
07 35	Missing ovary, left	MISS L OVAR
07 36	Missing ovary, right	MISS R OVAR
07 37	Missing pancreas	MISS PANCR
07 38	Missing prostate gland	MISS PROST
07 39	Missing spleen	MISS SPLEN
07 40	Missing stomach	MISS STOMA
07 41	Missing testis, left	MISS L TES
07 42	Missing testis, right	MISS R TES
07 43	Missing thyroid	MISS THYRD
07 44	Missing toe(s), left foot	MISS L TOE
07 45	Missing toe(s), right foot	MISS R TOE
07 46	Missing tongue	MISS TONG
07 47	Missing tonsils	MISS TONSL
07 48	Missing uterus	MISS UTRUS
<b>08</b>	<b>Moles</b>	
08 01	Mole on arm, left	MOLE L ARM
08 02	Mole on arm, right	MOLE R ARM
08 03	Mole on breast, left	MOLE L BRST
08 04	Mole on breast, right	MOLE R BRST
08 05	Mole on buttock, left	MOLE L BUTTK
08 06	Mole on buttock, right	MOLE R BUTTK
08 07	Mole on cheek (face), left	MOLE L CHK
08 08	Mole on cheek (face), right	MOLE R CHK
08 09	Mole on chin	MOLE CHIN

<b>CODE</b>	<b>TERM</b>	<b>1ST ED. CODE</b>
08 10	Mole on ear, left	MOLE L EAR
08 11	Mole on ear, right	MOLE R EAR
08 12	Mole on eyebrow/eye area, left	MOLE L EYE
08 13	Mole on eyebrow/eye area, right	MOLE R EYE
08 14	Mole on finger(s), left hand	MOLE L FGR
08 15	Mole on finger(s), right hand	MOLE R FGR
08 16	Mole on forehead	MOLE FHD
08 17	Mole on hand, left	MOLE L HND
08 18	Mole on hand, right	MOLE R HND
08 19	Mole on lip, lower	MOLE L LIP
08 20	Mole on lip, upper	MOLE U LIP
08 21	Mole on neck	MOLE NECK
08 22	Mole on nose	MOLE NOSE
08 23	Mole on wrist, left	MOLE L WRS
08 24	Mole on wrist, right	MOLE R WRS
<b>09</b>	<b>Needle ("Track") Marks</b>	
09 01	Needle marks on arm, left	NM L ARM
09 02	Needle marks on arm, right	NM R ARM
09 03	Needle marks on buttock, left	NM L BUTTK
09 04	Needle marks on buttock, right	NM R BUTTK
09 05	Needle marks on finger(s), left hand	NM L FGR
09 06	Needle marks on finger(s), right hand	NM R FGR
09 07	Needle marks on foot, left	NM L FOOT
09 08	Needle marks on foot, right	NM R FOOT
09 09	Needle marks on hand, left	NM L HND
09 10	Needle marks on hand, right	NM R HND
09 11	Needle marks on leg, left	NM L LEG
09 12	Needle marks on leg, right	NM R LEG
09 13	Needle marks on thigh, left	NM L THIGH
09 14	Needle marks on thigh, right	NM R THIGH
09 15	Needle marks on wrist, left	NM L WRIST
09 16	Needle marks on wrist, right	NM R WRIST
<b>10</b>	<b>Other Physical Characteristics</b>	
10 01	Bald; Balding	BALD
10 02	Cleft chin	CLEFT CHIN
10 03	Dimples, left cheek (face)	DIMP L CHK
10 04	Dimples, right cheek (face)	DIMP R CHK
10 05	Freckles	FRECKLES
10 06	Hair implants	HAIR IMPL
10 07	Pierced ears	PRCD EARS
10 08	Pierced left ear	PRCD L EAR
10 09	Pierced right ear	PRCD R EAR
10 10	Pierced nose	PRCD NOSE

<b>CODE</b>	<b>TERM</b>	<b>1ST ED. CODE</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Scars</b>	
11 01	Scar on abdomen	SC ABDOM
11 02	Scar on ankle, left	SC L ANKL
11 03	Scar on ankle, right	SC R ANKL
11 04	Scar on arm, left upper	SC UL ARM
11 05	Scar on arm, right upper	SC UR ARM
11 06	Scar on back	SC BACK
11 07	Scar on breast, left	SC L BRST
11 08	Scar on breast, right	SC R BRST
11 09	Scar on buttock, left	SC L BUTTK
11 10	Scar on buttock, right	SC R BUTTK
11 11	Scar on calf, left	SC L CALF
11 12	Scar on calf, right	SC R CALF
11 13	Scar on cheek (face), left	SC L CALF
11 14	Scar on cheek (face), right	SC R CHK
11 15	Scar on chest	SC CHEST
11 16	Scar on chin	SC CHIN
11 17	Scar on ear, left	SC L EAR
11 18	Scar on ear, right	SC R EAR
11 19	Scar on elbow, left	SC L ELB
11 20	Scar on elbow, right	SC R ELB
11 21	Scar on eyebrow/eye area, left	SC L EYE
11 22	Scar on eyebrow/eye area, right	SC R EYE
11 23	Scar on finger(s), left hand	SC L FGR
11 24	Scar on finger(s), right hand	SC R FGR
11 25	Scar on foot, left	SC L FT
11 26	Scar on foot, right	SC R FT
11 27	Scar on forearm, left	SC LF ARM
11 28	Scar on forearm, right	SC RF ARM
11 29	Scar on forehead	SC FHD
11 30	Scar on hand, left	SC L HND
11 31	Scar on hand, right	SC R HND
11 32	Scar on head (non-specific)	SC HEAD
11 33	Scar on knee, left	SC L KNEE
11 34	Scar on knee, right	SC R KNEE
11 35	Scar on lip, lower	SC LOW LIP
11 36	Scar on lip, upper	SC UP LIP
11 37	Scar on neck	SC NECK
11 38	Scar on nose	SC NOSE
11 39	Pockmarks	POCKMARKS
11 40	Scar on shoulder, left	SC L SHLD
11 41	Scar on shoulder, right	SC R SHLD
11 42	Scar on thigh, left	SC L THGH
11 43	Scar on thigh, right	SC R THGH
11 44	Scar on wrist, left	SC L WRIST
11 45	Scar on wrist, right	SC R WRIST

<b>CODE</b>	<b>TERM</b>	<b>1ST ED. CODE</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Skin Discolouration (including birthmarks)</b>	
12 01	Discolouration on abdomen	DISC ABDOM
12 02	Discolouration on ankle, left	DISC L ANK
12 03	Discolouration on ankle, right	DISC R ANK
12 04	Discolouration on arm, left	DISC L ARM
12 05	Discolouration on arm, right	DISC R ARM
12 06	Discolouration on back	DISC BACK
12 07	Discolouration on buttock, left	DISC L BUT
12 08	Discolouration on buttock, right	DISC R BUT
12 09	Discolouration on cheek (face), left	DISC L CHK
12 10	Discolouration on cheek (face), right	DISC R CHK
12 11	Discolouration on chest	DISC CHEST
12 12	Discolouration on chin	DISC CHIN
12 13	Discolouration on ear, left	DISC L EAR
12 14	Discolouration on ear, right	DISC R EAR
12 15	Discolouration on eyebrow, left; l-eye area	DISC L EYE
12 16	Discolouration on eyebrow, right; r-eye area	DISC R EYE
12 17	Discolouration on finger(s), left hand	DISC L FGR
12 18	Discolouration on finger(s), right hand	DISC R FGR
12 19	Discolouration on foot, left	DISC L FT
12 20	Discolouration on foot, right	DISC R FT
12 21	Discolouration on forehead	DISC FHD
12 22	Discolouration on hand, left	DISC L HND
12 23	Discolouration on hand, right	DISC R HND
12 24	Discolouration on knee, left	DISC L KNEE
12 25	Discolouration on knee, right	DISC R KNEE
12 26	Discolouration on leg, left	DISC L LEG
12 27	Discolouration on leg, right	DISC R LEG
12 28	Discolouration on lip, lower	DISC L LIP
12 29	Discolouration on lip, upper	DISC U LIP
12 30	Discolouration on neck	DISC NECK
12 31	Discolouration on nose	DISC NOSE
12 32	Discolouration on shoulder, left	DISC L SHLD
12 33	Discolouration on shoulder, right	DISC R SHLD
12 34	Discolouration on wrist, left	DISC L WRS
12 35	Discolouration on wrist, right	DISC R WRS
<b>13</b>	<b>Tattoos</b>	
13 01	Tattoo on abdomen	TAT ABDOM
13 02	Tattoo on ankle, left	TAT L ANKL
13 03	Tattoo on ankle, right	TAT R ANKL
13 04	Tattoo on arm, left upper	TAT UL ARM
13 05	Tattoo on arm, right upper	TAT UR ARM
13 06	Tattoo on back	TAT BACK
13 07	Tattoo on breast	TAT BREAST



<b>CODE</b>	<b>TERM</b>	<b>1ST ED. CODE</b>
13 08	Tattoo on breast, left	TAT L BRST
13 09	Tattoo on breast, right	TAT R BRST
13 10	Tattoo on buttocks	TAT BUTTK
13 11	Tattoo on buttock, left	TAT L BUTTK
13 12	Tattoo on buttock, right	TAT R BUTTK
13 13	Tattoo on calf, left	TAT L CALF
13 14	Tattoo on calf, right	TAT R CALF
13 15	Tattoo on cheek (face), left	TAT L CHK
13 16	Tattoo on cheek (face), right	TAT R CHK
13 17	Tattoo on chest	TAT CHEST
13 18	Tattoo on chin	TAT CHIN
13 19	Tattoo on ear, left	TAT L EAR
13 20	Tattoo on ear, right	TAT R EAR
13 21	Tattoo on finger(s), left hand	TAT L FGR
13 22	Tattoo on finger(s), right hand	TAT R FGR
13 23	Tattoo on forearm, left	TAT LF ARM
13 24	Tattoo on forearm, right	TAT RF ARM
13 25	Tattoo on forehead	TAT FHD
13 26	Tattoo on groin area	TAT GROIN
13 27	Tattoo on hand, left	TAT L HND
13 28	Tattoo on hand, right	TAT R HND
13 29	Tattoo on head (non-specific)	TAT HEAD
13 30	Tattoo on knee, left	TAT L KNEE
13 31	Tattoo on knee, right	TAT R KNEE
13 32	Tattoo on neck	TAT NECK
13 33	Tattoo on nose	TAT NOSE
13 34	Tattoo on shoulder, left	TAT L SHLD
13 35	Tattoo on shoulder, right	TAT R SHLD
13 36	Tattoo on thigh, left	TAT L THGH
13 37	Tattoo on thigh, right	TAT R THGH
13 38	Tattoo on wrist, left	TAT L WRS
13 39	Tattoo on wrist, right	TAT R WRS
<b>90</b>	<b>Other</b>	