

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.²⁵ It was published previously as Supporting Document K: Personal Descriptors.²⁶ The original codes from the Supporting Document are included in the column *1st 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 |
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| 01 | Artificial body parts and aids | |
| 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 |

²⁵ 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.

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

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|-------------|--|---------------------|
| 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 |
| 02 | Eye Disorders | |
| 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 |
| 03 | Deafness | |
| 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 |
| 04 | Deformities | |
| 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 |
| 05 | Fractured Bones | |
| 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 |

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|-------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 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 |
| 06 | Medical Devices | |
| 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 |
| 07 | Missing Body Parts/Organs | |
| 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 |

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|-------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 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 |
| 08 | Moles | |
| 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 |

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| 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 |
| 09 | Needle ("Track") Marks | |
| 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 |
| 10 | Other Physical Characteristics | |
| 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 |

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| 11 | Scars | |
| 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 |

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| 12 | Skin Discolouration (including birthmarks) | |
| 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 |
| 13 | Tattoos | |
| 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 |

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| 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 |
| 90 | Other | |