

Paresthesia

The term paresthesia refers to unusual sensory symptoms consisting of numbness, tingling, or other abnormal sensory experiences. Paresthesia typically develops secondary to dysfunction and/or compromise of one or more nerves. It can also develop secondary to compromise of the spinal cord and/or brain. The most common cause of extremity paresthesia associated with the spine is inflammation and/or compression of one or more spinal nerves. Spinal nerve compromise may also be associated with radiating extremity pain and/or muscle weakness.