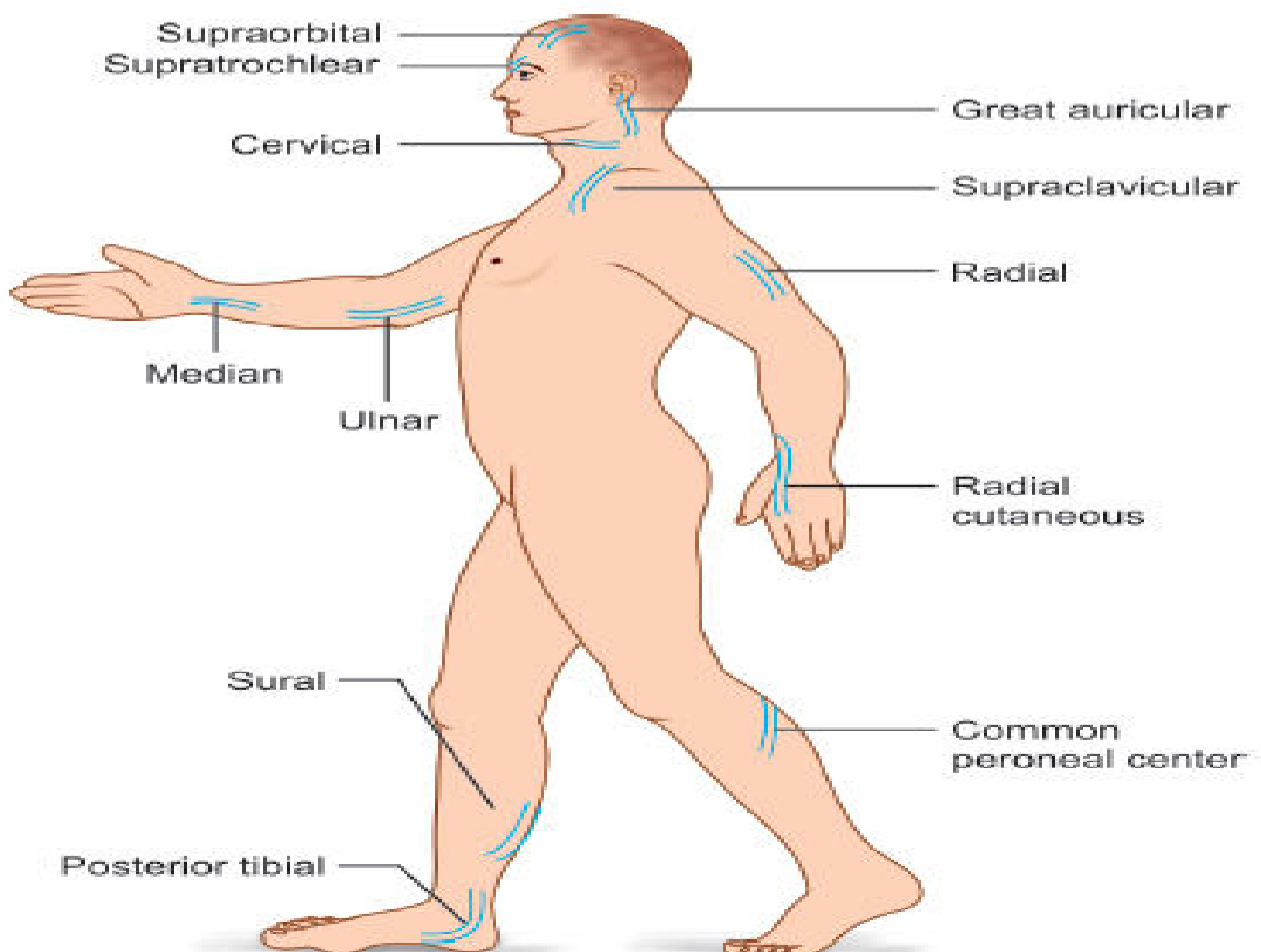
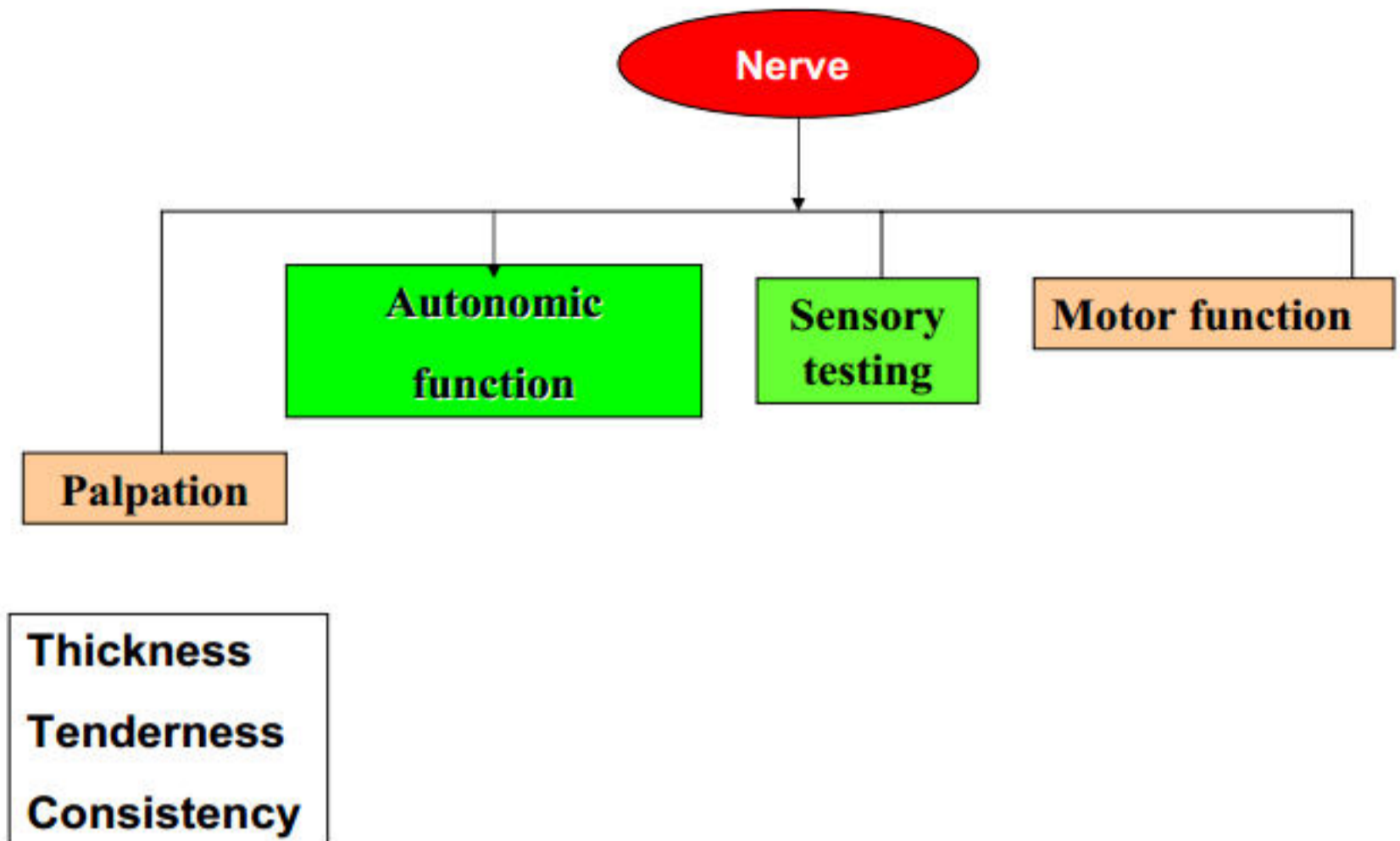


# Leprosy nerve examination

## Introduction

- OSCE = objective structured clinical examination
- OSPE = objective structured practical examination

## Examination of Nerves



**Fig. 17.1:** Surface marking of nerves commonly affected in leprosy

Table 28.1: Grading of nerve thickness		
Grade	Degree	Description
0	Not thickened	Nerve not thickened and feels normal*
1	Mild thickening	Thickened compared to contralateral nerve
2	Moderate thickening	Thickening is rope like
3	Severe thickening	Nerve thickened and also nodular or beaded

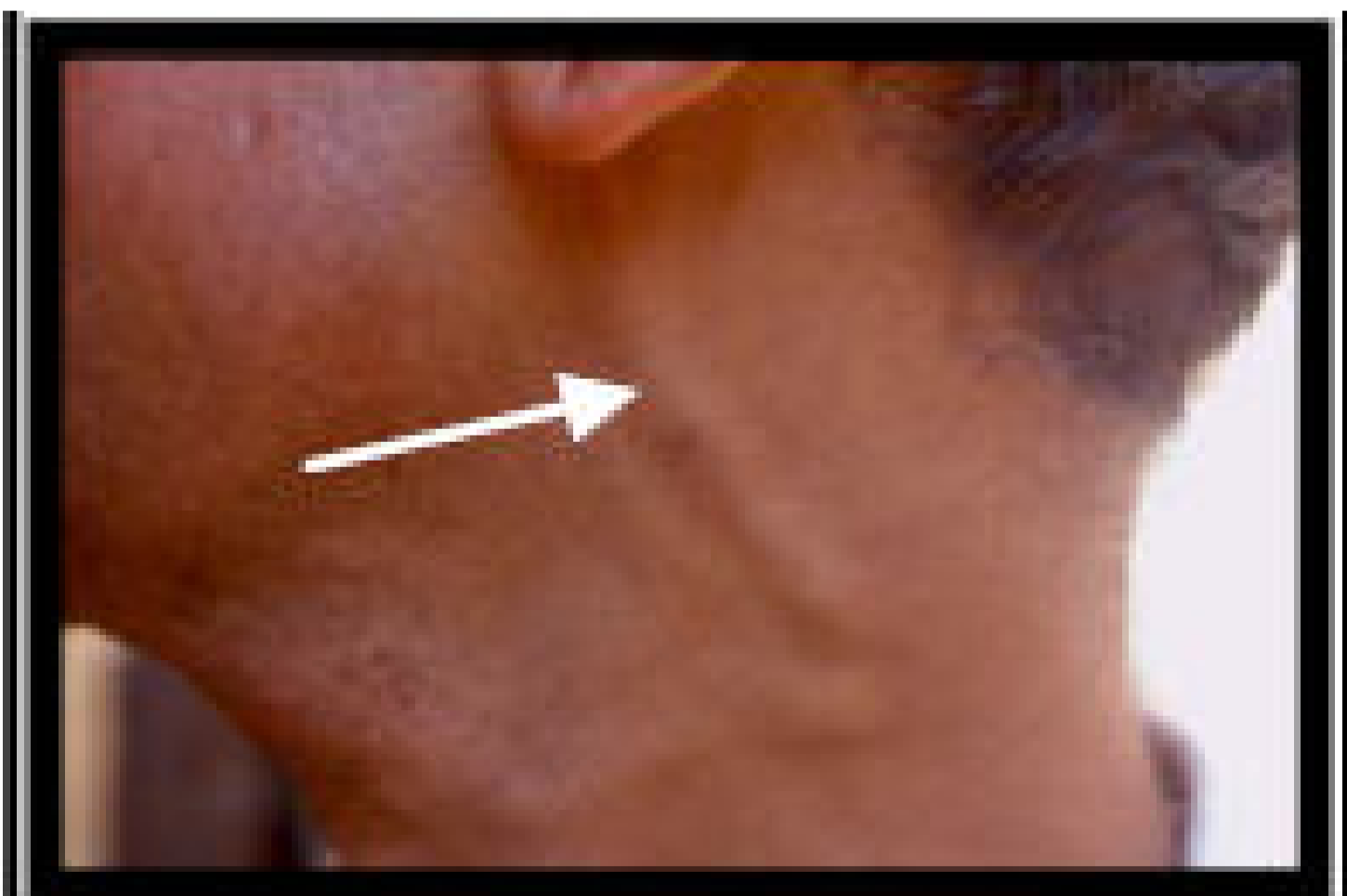
\* Normal nerve feels soft to firm, flattish and slightly compressible.

Table 28.2: Grading of nerve tenderness		
Grade	Degree	Description
0	None	Palpation is not painful even when asked about it
1	Mild	Palpation is painful only when asked about it
2	Moderate	Indicates palpation is painful by wincing during palpation or says so
3	Severe	On palpation, tries to withdraw the limb or is clearly distressed by any pressure on the nerve





**Fig. 17.2:** Examination of ulnar nerve





**Fig. 17.7:** Examination of great auricular nerve



**Fig. 17.10:** Examination of radial cutaneous nerve



**Fig. 17.5:** Examination of common peroneal nerve



**Fig. 17.6:** Examination of posterior tibial nerve

