

# Decerebral rigidity

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**Decerebrate rigidity** arises from a bilateral lesion **at the level of the mesencephalon' or caudal diencephala**. It is the result of removing the influence of the inhibitory part of the descending reticular formation. This will increase the tone of the extensors. Rather than rigidity, it is *extension spasticity*. The upper limbs are *extended*, the forearm is in pronation, the wrist is in flexion. The lower limbs are *extended*. opistotonus can occur.<sup>[1]</sup>

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