

# Opisthotonus

**Opisthotonus** is a symptom.

- This is a **specific position** of the back, in which the patient rests on his head and heels with his body bent forward into an arch due to spasm of the back muscles.
- Opisthotonus can be a symptom of **tetanus, eclampsia, or hysteria**.

## Links

### Related articles

- Tetanus
- Hysteria

### Sources

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Opisthotonus in a patient suffering from tetanus