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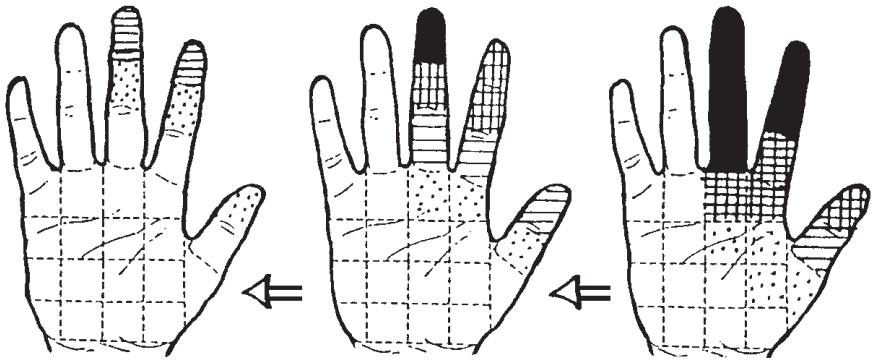
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TECHNIQUE FOR RECORDING SEMMES WEINSTEIN MONOFILAMENT RESPONSE

Although color illustrations give an excellent visual image of levels of sensibility, having the right color pen/s immediately available and the inability to photocopy the color makes it a less than ideal technique for recording. The colors can be substituted by an increasingly dense black and white graphic pattern. This allows documentation to be created in any color ink and when it is photocopied, it retains visual density. The illustrations below show how this technique is used and how one can determine improvement or lack of by the visual image.

SCALE OF INTERPRETATION
- 2.36 - 2.83 Normal
- 3.22 - 3.61 Diminished Light Touch
- 3.84 - 4.31 Diminished Protective
- 4.56 - 6.65 Loss of Protective
- Unresponsive to 6.65



This illustration shows progressive return of sensibility in the median nerve distribution at three different examinations.

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