

Deep tendon reflexes are stretch reflexes of a muscle. The most common deep tendon reflex is the **knee jerk reflex**, or **patellar reflex** (sometimes called the *quadriceps reflex*). Figs. 4-42 to 4-45 illustrate the reflexes normally elicited. Report any diminished or hyper-reflexive response for further evaluation.



FIG 4-42 Testing for the triceps reflex. The child is placed supine, with the forearm resting over the chest, and the triceps tendon is struck. *Alternate procedure:* The child's arm is abducted with the upper arm supported and the forearm allowed to hang freely. The triceps tendon is struck. Normal response is partial extension of the forearm.

