

Sensory receptors

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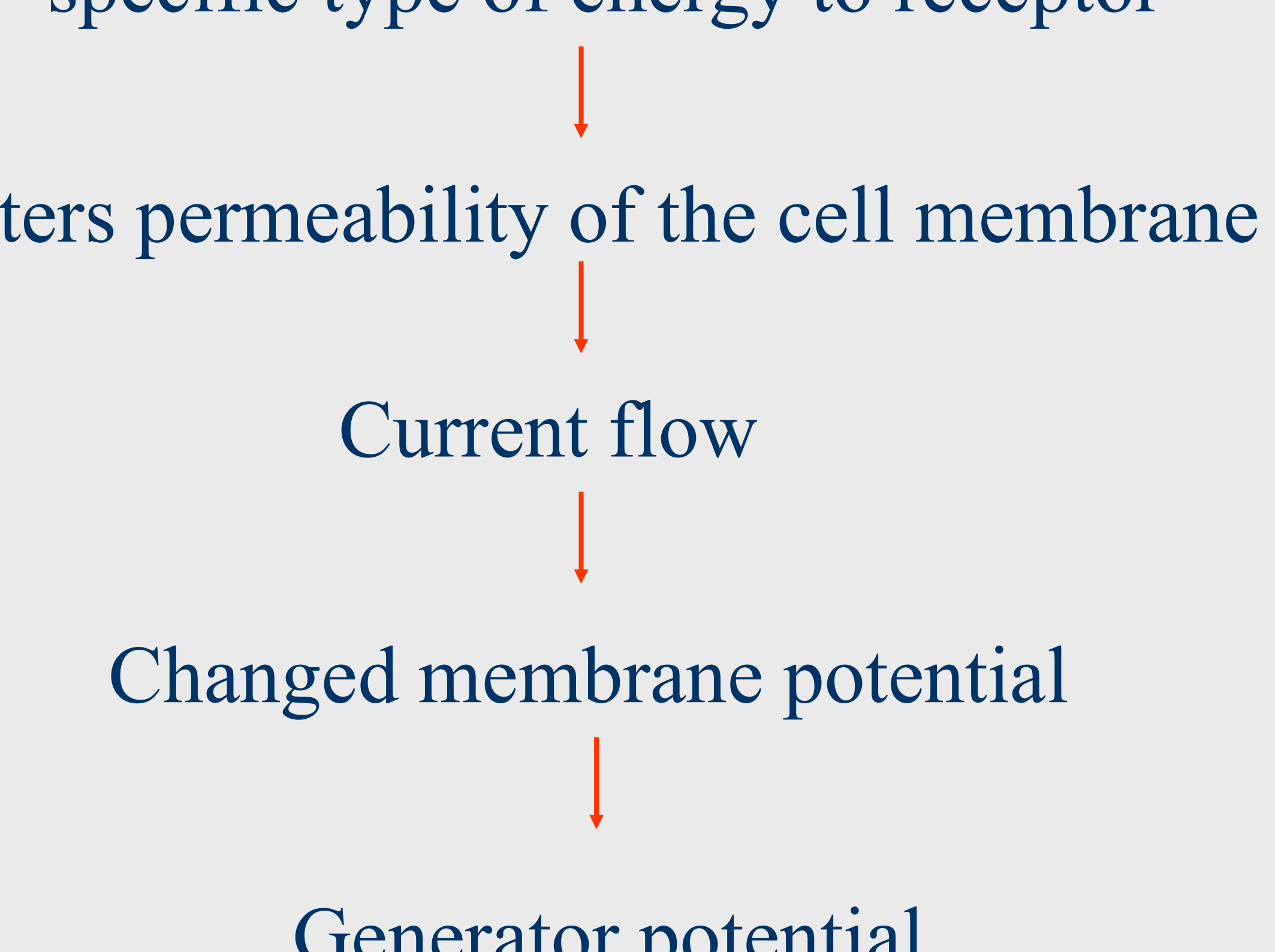
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Specialized structures detect changes in external
internal environment.

detectable change is stimulus

Process of Transduction –

Specific type of energy is converted
into electrical.



Definition:

Specialized nerve endings or specialized cells

More sensitive to specific type of stimulus

Are able to convert stimulus energy into

electrical energy which is called as

Receptor potential

Bare nerve endings - specialized part of neuron.

Capsulated nerve endings - connective tissue lamella

Sense organs – Specialized cells located at the end of afferent nerve

- Application of stimulus to receptors



- Changes in permeability of membrane



Graded depolarization / hyperpolarization

- Generator or receptor potentials



- Local currents - electrotonic



Stronger stimulus.



Greater G.P.



Higher frequency of A.P. in nerve fiber

I. Depending upon source of stimulus

II. Depending upon type of stimulus

III. Anatomical

depending upon source of stimulus

(Sherrington's)

A. Telereceptors

B. Exteroceptors

C. Enteroceptors / Visceroceptors

D. Proprioceptors

1. Mechanoreceptors- special sense, muscle, skin, visceral, vascular
2. Thermoreceptors- skin, hypothal.
3. Chemoreceptors- olfactory, gustatory.
4. Nociceptors
5. Electromagnetic receptors - retina

Anatomical

2. Special sensory

Ability to adapt – 1. Phasic – fast adapting

2. Tonic - slow adapting

receptor carrying sensations to the level
of consciousness

Sensations do not reach level of consciousness

Produces Generator potential (not A.P.)

Specificity

Graded response

Perception and discrimination of intensity

Muller's law of specific nerve energy

Law of projection

Adaptation

Generator Potential –

Graded depolarization of a receptor that occurs in response to a stimulus ,

graded according to its intensity and that results in an action potential when the appropriate threshold is reached.

I. Receptors \longrightarrow Generator Potential -
Graded response

Initial segment \longrightarrow A.P.

Specificity :

Adequate stimulus – low threshold for
specific type of stimulus

Depend upon type of **adequate stimulus** for receptor involved.

Intensity detection :

by  **change in frequency of A.P.**
number of receptors activated

2 types of receptors

linear sensory

receptors

$R \propto S$

logarithmic sensory

receptors

Weber Fechner's Law -- $R \propto \log$

response – no. of A.P.s = magnitude of sensation

length of stimulus

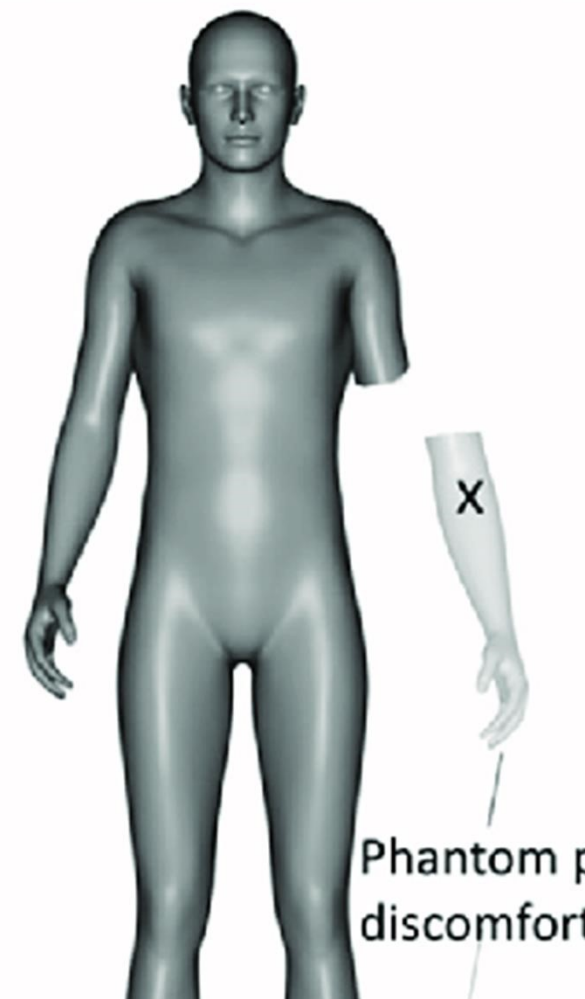
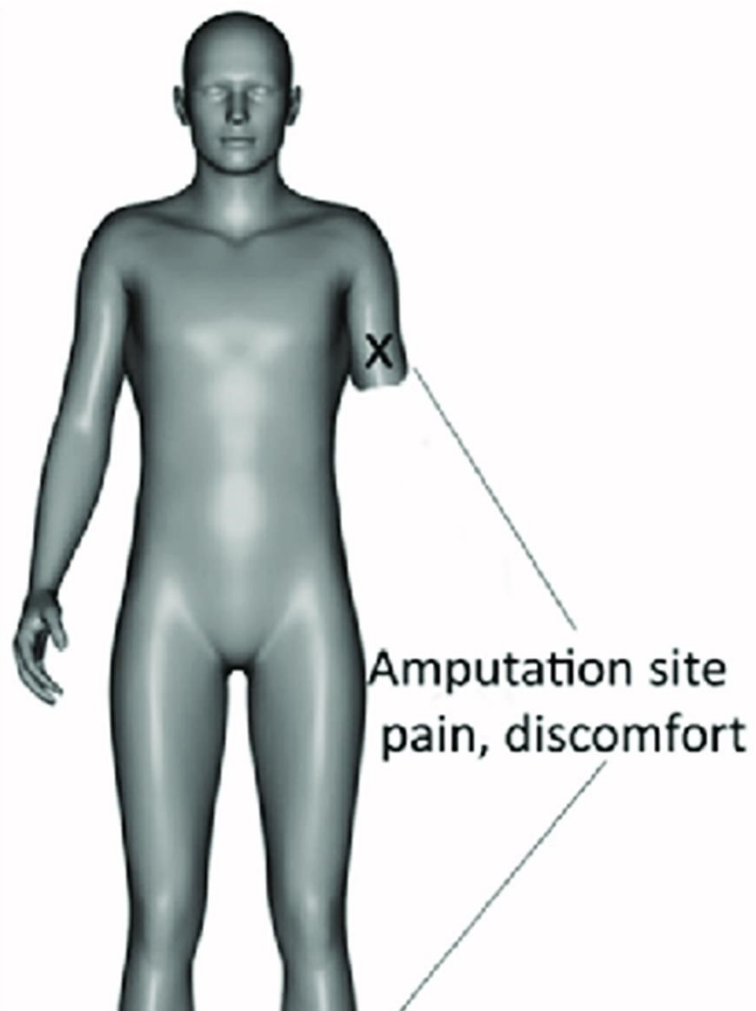
Quality of sensation felt depends upon type of receptor and stimulus energy

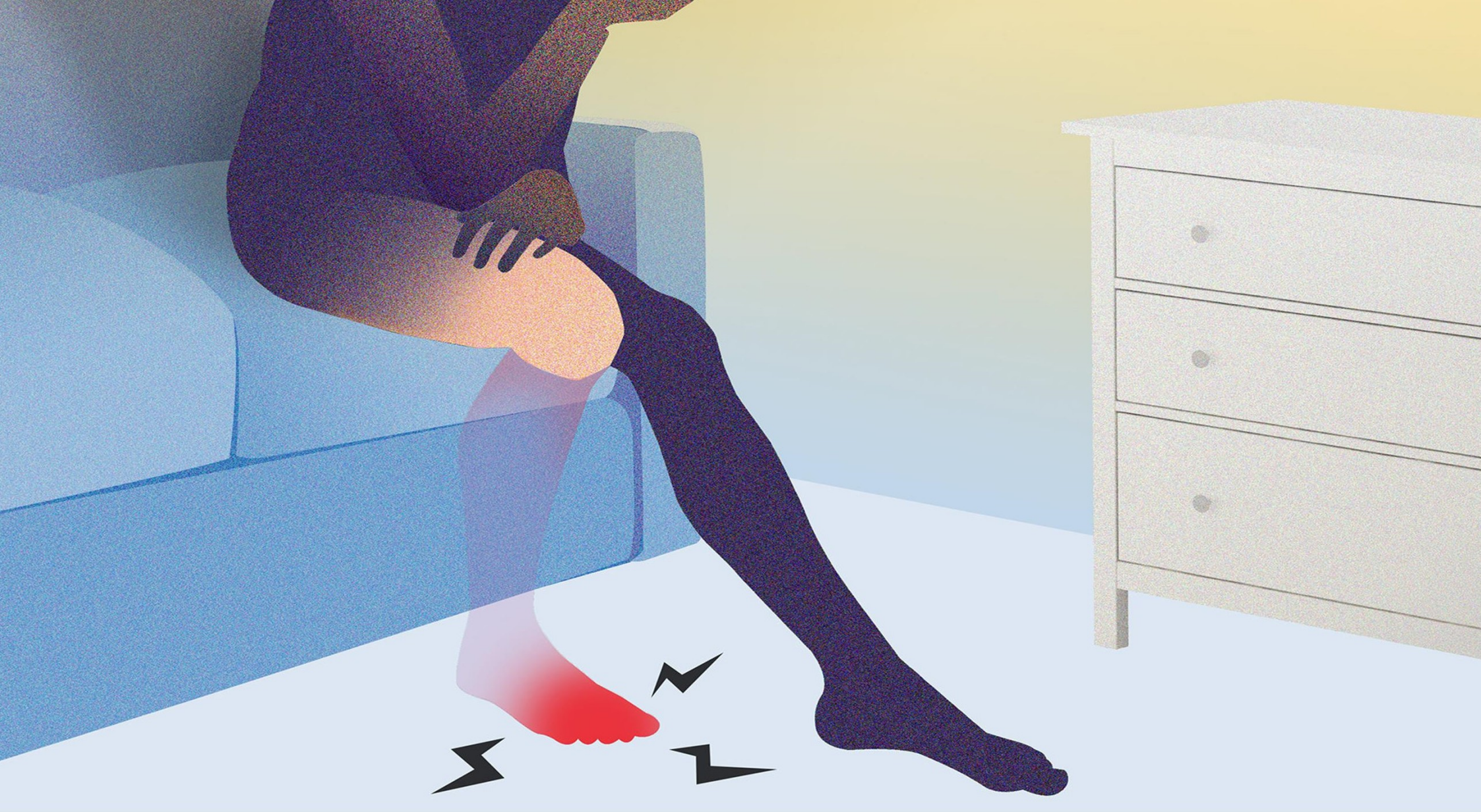
Law of projection :

Sensation is localized at the site where receptor is located even when the stimulus is applied at any point on the sensory pathway

experience pain in the part of the limb that
no longer there.

This sensation is phantom limb pain.



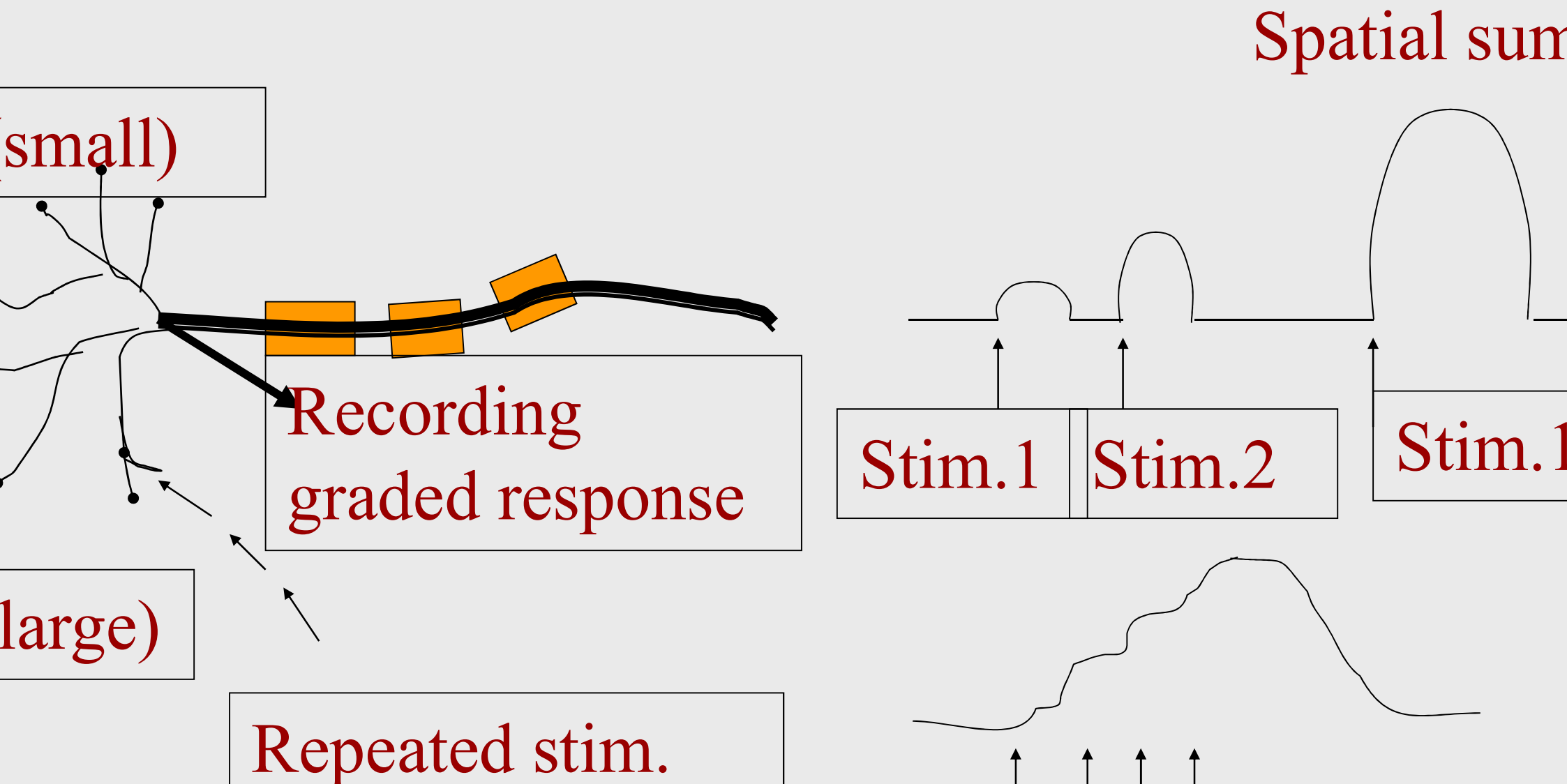


Bottom limb sensation may be defined as **the conscious feeling that a limb is still present**

Some people believe phantom pain results from a malfunction in the nervous system signals, specifically between the spinal cord and brain.

When a body part is amputated, the nerve connections from the periphery to the brain remain intact.

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tor or of stimuli applied repeatedly at the same



fast adapting – phasic –

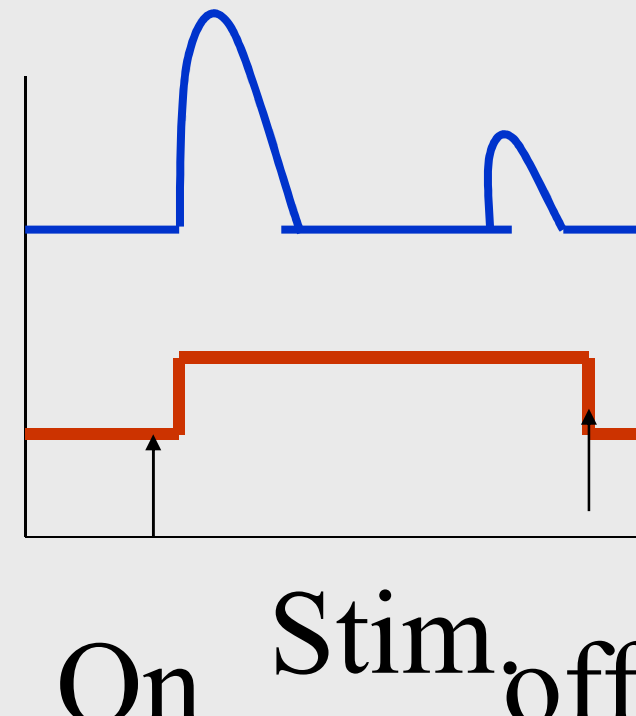
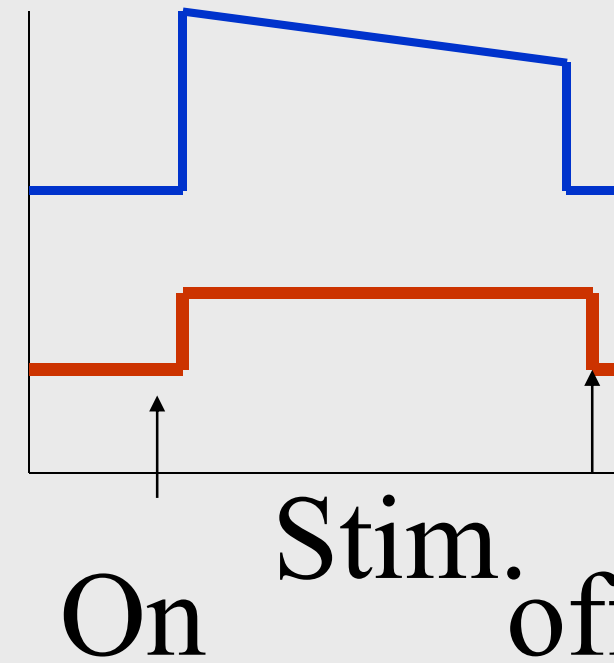
e.g. tactile receptors,

olfactory receptors

slow adapting – Tonic –

e.g. proprioceptive

receptors



Generator potential

Localized

Magnitude decreases with distance and space

Graded response

Not for 1-2 msec.

No refractory period

Summation possible

• Action potential

- Propagated

- Magnitude remains same

- All or none phenomenon

- Lasts for 0.1-0.2 msec

- Refractory period present

1. Control of output :- for homeostasis

- Motor activity
- Visceral

2. Stimulation of RAS

3. Understanding the world

4. Storage in memory

5. Impact on emotions

	(eponymous) name	Location(s)	Sensation
Free nerve endings	*	Dermis, cornea, tongue, joint capsules	Pain, temperature, mechanosensation, deformation
Mechanoreceptors	Merkel's discs	Epidermal–dermal junction, mucosal membranes	Low frequency vibration (5–50 Hz)
Proprioceptors	Ruffini's corpuscle	Dermis, joint capsules	Stretch
Pressure receptors	Meissner's corpuscle	Papillary dermis, especially in the glans	Light touch, vibration

corpuscle	Pacinian corpuscle	Deep dermis, subcutaneous tissue, joint capsules	Deep high-frequency vibrations (around 200-300 Hz)
plexus	*	Wrapped around hair follicles in the dermis	Movement of hair
dle	*	In line with skeletal muscle fibers	Muscle contraction and stretch
ch organ	Golgi tendon	In line with tendons	Stretch (slowly developing)

