

Hyperalgesia (/ˌhaɪpəˈræɪˈdʒɪziə/ or /-siə/; 'hyper' from Greek ὑπέρ (hyper, “over”), '-algia' from Greek algos, ἄλγος (pain)) is an increased sensitivity to [pain](#), which may be caused by damage to [nociceptors](#) or [peripheral nerves](#). Temporary increased sensitivity to pain also occurs as part of sickness behavior, the evolved response to infection.

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