clo·nus (klo´nús) [Gr. klonos turmoil]  
1. alternate muscular contraction and relaxation in rapid succession. 2. a continuous rhythmic reflex tremor initiated by the spinal cord below an area of spinal cord injury, set in motion by reflex testing. clonic, adj  
ankle clonus, a series of abnormal rhythmic reflex movements of the foot, induced by sudden dorsiflexion, which causes alternate contraction and relaxation of the triceps surae muscle (gastrocnemius and soleus muscles); called also foot c., 
foot clonus, ankle c.  
patellar clonus, rhythmic jerking movement of the patella produced by grasping it between the thumb and forefinger and pushing it suddenly and forcibly toward the foot; this is an abnormal reflex with alternate contraction and relaxation of the quadriceps muscle.  
wrist clonus, spasmodic movement of the hand, induced by suddenly and forcibly extending the hand at the wrist.