TABLE 16.3  
**Characteristic, Function, Manifestation and Proximate Cause of the Feeling Aggregate**

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**Key:**
- **C** = characteristic
- **F** = function
- **M** = manifestation
- **P** = proximate cause

1. Pleasure associated with body-consciousness—*sukha*
   - **C:** experiencing desirable sensory data; pleasure being felt
   - **F:** to intensify or relish the associated mental states
   - **M:** as bodily enjoyment
   - **P:** the body faculty

2. Pain associated with body-consciousness—*dukkha*
   - **C:** experiencing undesirable sensory data; pain being felt
   - **F:** to wither the associated mental states
   - **M:** as bodily affliction
   - **P:** the body faculty

3. Joy, bliss, or pleasure associated with mental objects—*somanassa* or *sukha*
   - **C:** experiencing a desirable object
   - **F:** to exploit the desirable aspect or intensify the associated mental states
   - **M:** as mental enjoyment
   - **P:** tranquility

4. Grief—*domanassa*
   - **C:** experiencing an undesirable object
   - **F:** to exploit the undesirable aspect
   - **M:** as mental affliction
   - **P:** the heart base

5. Equanimity as neutral feeling—*upekkhā*
   - **C:** being felt as neutral
   - **F:** to neither intensify nor wither the associated mental states
   - **M:** peacefulness
   - **P:** consciousness without rapture

6. Equanimity in the fourth jhāna—*upekkhā*
   - **C:** enjoying an object midway between the desirable and the undesirable
   - **F:** supporting evenness and balance of the associated mental states
   - **M:** as not being apparent
   - **P:** the cessation of pleasure and bliss