

Blink reflex in response to light or touch Rudimentary fixation on objects and ability to follow to midline		retinal reflex White reflex (leukocoria) Absence of pupillary or corneal reflex Inability to follow object or bright light to midline Yellow sclera
<b>Ears</b>		
<b>Position:</b> Top of pinna on horizontal line with outer canthus of eye Startle reflex elicited by a loud, sudden noise Pinna flexible, cartilage present	Inability to visualize tympanic membrane because of filled aural canals Pinna flat against head Irregular shape or size Pits or skin tags Preauricular sinus	Low placement of ears Absence of startle reflex in response to loud noise should be evaluated but is not diagnostic Minor abnormalities may be signs of various syndromes, especially renal
<b>Nose</b>		
Nasal patency <b>Nasal discharge:</b> Thin white mucus (transient) Sneezing	Flattened and bruised	Nonpatent canals Thick, bloody nasal discharge Flaring of nares (alae nasi) Copious nasal secretions or stuffiness (may be minor)
<b>Mouth and Throat</b>		
Intact, high-arched palate Uvula in midline Frenulum of tongue Frenulum of upper lip <b>Sucking reflex:</b> Strong and coordinated Rooting reflex Gag reflex Extrusion reflex Absent or minimal salivation Vigorous cry	<b>Natal teeth:</b> Teeth present at birth; benign but may be associated with congenital defects <b>Epstein pearls:</b> Small, white epithelial cysts along midline of hard palate	Cleft lip Cleft palate Large, protruding tongue or posterior displacement of tongue Receding chin (lower jaw): Micrognathia Profuse salivation or drooling <b>Candidiasis (thrush):</b> White, adherent patches on tongue, palate, and buccal surfaces Inability to pass nasogastric tube Hoarse, high-pitched, weak, absent, or other abnormal cry
<b>Neck</b>		
Short, thick, usually surrounded by skinfolds Tonic neck reflex	<b>Torticollis (wry neck):</b> Head held to one side with chin pointing to opposite side	Excessive skinfolds Resistance to flexion Absence of tonic neck reflex Fractured clavicle;