

CRANIAL NERVE EXAMINATION GUIDE

Please note these guides are not necessarily the curriculum taught at the medical schools. They are basic templates to assist in structuring bedside teaching, for stimulating thought about clinical findings and aiding constructive feedback back from junior doctors to medical students.

Instructions: Please exam this patient's cranial nerves

	Method	Observed/Comment
Introduction	Wash hands Introduce Asks for consent to examine	<input type="checkbox"/>
Exposure and positioning	Sitting upright/over edge of bed At eye level	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inspection	Eyes, face and neck: scars or facial asymmetry	<input type="checkbox"/>
CN II	Visual acuity Visual fields +/- fundoscopy	<input type="checkbox"/>
CN III, IV, VI	Eye movements - Position at rest - nystagmus, diplopia Pupils: Shape Size Accommodation Pupil light reflexes direct and consensual RAPD (relative afferent pupillary defect)	<input type="checkbox"/>
CN V	Corneal reflexes Sensation: Ophthalmic, maxillary, mandibular Jaw: Masseter- clench jaw Jaw jerk	<input type="checkbox"/>
CN VII	Facial movement - Frontalis - Shut eyes tightly - Blow out cheeks - Show me your teeth	<input type="checkbox"/>
CN VIII	Weber's then Rinne's Gross hearing deficit	<input type="checkbox"/>
CN IX, X	Uvula: deviation away from lesion Gag reflex	<input type="checkbox"/>
CN XI	Accessory: shrug shoulders	<input type="checkbox"/>
CN XII	Tongue movement : Towards side of lesion	<input type="checkbox"/>

