

Cranial Nerve Examination

GLOBAL MARK			
CLEAR PASS	BORDERLINE PASS	BORDERLINE FAIL	FAIL

Criteria

Introduces Self, Confirms patient identify, Washes hands	2, 1
Checks comfort level of patient and gains consent for examination	2, 1
Checks if patient wants a chaperone	1
Sits opposite patient appropriate distance apart	1
CN 1 (olfactory) Asks about sense of smell. Checks each nostril with scents including ammonia	2
CN II (optic), - Checks Acuity - Checks visual fields - Pupillary Response - Checks accommodation - Fundi - Eye movements: Double vision III oculomotor, IV trochlear, and VI abducens Palsy III – ptosis, large pupil, down and out Palsy IV – diplopia on down and inward gaze Palsy VI – diplopia on lateral gaze (down and out)	8
CN V Trigeminal Checks sensation to light touch (Ophthalmic, Maxillary, Mandibular) Power of masseter and temporalis muscles Pterygoids Corneal reflex Jaw jerk	2
CN VII Comments on asymmetry of face, Raise eye brows, show me your teeth, puff cheeks out, Taste anterior 2/3 of tongue FOREHEAD SPARING IS BAD (= stroke).	2
CN VIII Test hearing in each ear If hearing reduced Rinnes- bone and air conduction Webers on forehead Tests nystagmus with caloric testing and heel toe walking	2
CN IX (glossopharyngeal) X (vagus) and XII (hypoglossal) Tongue movements (deviates to side of weakness CNXII)	2

Uvula movements (if uvula moves to one side the weakness is the opposite side) Gag reflex (CNIX lesion)	
CNXI Looks at SCM for wasting Turn head and keep it there Shrug shoulders (contralateral)	2
Summarises findings	1
Elicits questions	1
Suggests plan	1
MAX 25	

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