

OSCE Checklist: The Respiratory Examination

Introduction	
Introduce yourself	
Wash hands	
Briefly explain to the patient what the examination involves	
Position the patient at 45 degrees	
General Inspection	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Respiratory distress - Pain - Cachetic 	
The Hand and Arm	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tar staining - Clubbing 	
Radial pulse	
Respiratory rate	
The Neck and Face	
Jugular Venous Pressure	
Palpate the lymph nodes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submental, Submandibular, Pre-auricular, Anterior Cervical, Supraclavicular, Posterior Cervical, Post-auricular and Occipital 	
Assess: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conjunctivae - Lips - Under the tongue 	
Examining the Chest	
Expose the patient's chest	
Check for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scars or skin changes - Chest wall deformity or scoliosis - Asymmetrical chest movements 	
Trachea	
Apex beat	
Chest expansion (anterior chest)	
Percussion (anterior chest)	
Auscultate (anterior chest)	
Vocal resonance (anterior chest)	
Repeat all for posterior wall	

The Rest of the Examination	
Assess for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ankle oedema - Calf tenderness 	
Completing the Examination	
Thank the patient	
To complete the examination: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peak flow measurement - Sputum Sample - Temperature Measurement 	