

## OSCE Checklist: The Cranial Nerve Examination

<b>Introduction</b>	
Introduce yourself	
Wash hands	
Briefly explain to the patient what the examination involves	
<b>CN I</b>	
Change in sense of smell	
<b>CN II</b>	
Visual Acuity (with a Snellen chart)	
Visual Fields	
Fundoscopy	
<b>CN III, IV and VI</b>	
Pupillary light reflex	
Pupillary accommodation	
Signs of nystagmus or ptosis	
Check ocular movements	
<b>CN V</b>	
Sensation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Light touch</li> <li>- Pin prick</li> </ul>	
Motor function (muscles of mastication)	
<b>CN VII</b>	
Assess for facial symmetry at rest	
Assess muscles of facial expression	
<b>CN VIII</b>	
Whisper into ear, distracting sound in opposing ear	
Rinne's and Weber's test (if hearing loss suspected)	
<b>CN IX and X</b>	
Ask the patient to cough	
Assess the palate and posterior pharyngeal wall	
<b>CN XI</b>	
Sternocleidomastoid assessment	
Trapezius assessment	
<b>CN XII</b>	
Inspect the tongue	
Protrude the tongue and move from side to side	

### Completing the Examination

Thank the patient

To complete the examination:

- Peripheral neurological examination