

OSCE Checklist: Examination of the Ear

Introduction	
Introduce yourself	
Wash hands	
Briefly explain to the patient what the examination involves	
Pinna and Post Auricular Area	
Inspect pinna and mastoid: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Obvious deformities - Scars or skin changes 	
Palpate the lymph nodes	
External Ear	
Inspect the external ear with otoscope	
Inspect the external ear canal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pull the external ear superiorly and posteriorly 	
Tympanic Membrane	
Inspect the tympanic membrane for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lateral process of malleus - Cone of light - Pars tensa and pars flaccida 	
Assessment of Hearing	
Rinne Test (512Hz tuning fork) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Place near the external ear canal - Then place against the mastoid process 	
Weber Test Test (512Hz tuning fork) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Place on the forehead in the midline 	
Completing the Examination	
Thank the patient	
To complete the examination: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tympanogram - Pure tone audiometry 	