

OSCE Checklist: Peripheral Vascular Examination

Introduction	
Introduce yourself	
Wash hands	
Briefly explain to the patient what the examination involves	
Position the patient supine	
General Inspection	
Signs of obvious vascular compromise	
The Arms	
Inspect for signs of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peripheral cyanosis - Tar staining - Anaemia 	
Capillary refill	
Assess pulses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Radial - Ulnar - Brachial - Subclavian 	
Radial-radial delay	
The Neck	
Carotid pulse (character and volume)	
Auscultate the carotids	
The Abdomen	
Inspection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scars - Obvious pulsations 	
Palpation	
The Legs	
Expose the legs	
Observe for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scars - Skin changes - Ulcers 	
Temperature	
Capillary refill	
Assess pulses:	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Femoral - Popliteal - Dorsalis Pedis - Posterior tibial 	
Assess sensation	
Complete the Examination	
Thank the patient	
To complete the examination: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cardiovascular Examination - Capillary Glucose - Fundoscopy - Ankle-Brachial Pressure Index (ABPI) 	