# OSCE Checklist: The Cranial Nerve Examination

## Introduction
- Introduce yourself
- Wash hands
- Briefly explain to the patient what the examination involves

## CN I
- Change in sense of smell

## CN II
- Visual Acuity (with a Snellen chart)
- Visual Fields
- Fundoscopy

## CN III, IV and VI
- Pupillary light reflex
- Pupillary accommodation
- Signs of nystagmus or ptosis
- Check ocular movements

## CN V
- Sensation:
  - Light touch
  - Pin prick
- Motor function (muscles of mastication)

## CN VII
- Assess for facial symmetry at rest
- Assess muscles of facial expression

## CN VIII
- Whisper into ear, distracting sound in opposing ear
- Rinne's and Weber's test (if hearing loss suspected)

## CN IX and X
- Ask the patient to cough
- Assess the palate and posterior pharyngeal wall

## CN XI
- Sternocleidomastoid assessment
- Trapezius assessment

## CN XII
- Inspect the tongue
- Protrude the tongue and move from side to side
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