

Cranial Nerve Exam

Patient name: _____ Date of examination: _____

Date of birth: _____ Patient identifier: _____

Medical history:

Other relevant medical information:

Cranial nerve	Tests	Notes
Olfactory (CN I)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Smell test• Odor discrimination test• Others:	
Optic (CN II)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Snellen eye chart• Direct confrontation• Pupillary light reflex• Looking at the tip of the finger• Fundoscopic exam• Others:	
Oculomotor, trochlear, and abducens (CN III, IV, and VI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Moving a pen in an H-shaped pattern• Others:	
Trigeminal (CN V)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cotton swab, ball, or blunt tip needle to the patient's face• Have the patient open their mouth against resistance• Tap thumb over patient's chin with a knee hammer• Other:	

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Facial (CN VII)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask the patient to smile, raise eyebrows, show teeth, and puff their cheeks • Have the patient taste something with their eyes closed • Others: 	
Vestibulocochlear (CN VIII)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gross hearing assessment • Rinne test • Weber test • Others: 	
Glossopharyngeal and vagus (CN IX and X)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask the patient to say “aah” and inspect the soft palate and uvula. • Perform a swallow assessment or assessment of the gag reflex. • Others: 	
Spinal accessory (CN XI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask the patient to raise their shoulders, turn their head, and keep them there while you provide resistance. • Others: 	
Hypoglossal (CN XII)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspect the tongue for wasting and fasciculations • Have the patient protract their tongue and inspect for deviation • Ask the patient to press the tongue against one cheek as you provide gentle resistance to each • Others: 	

Summary of findings or additional notes