

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

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

## Summary of findings or additional notes