Neurological Examination Checklist

Patient Information

•	Name:
•	Age:
•	Date of Birth:
•	Gender:
•	Contact Information:
Me	ental Status
•	Alertness:
	Alert and oriented
	Drowsy or lethargic
	Obtunded or comatose
•	Orientation:
	Oriented to time, place, and person
	Disoriented to time, place, or person
•	Attention:
	Can maintain focus and follow instructions
	Easily distracted or unable to focus
•	Memory:
	No apparent memory problems
	Difficulty with recent events or remote memories
•	Language:
	Able to communicate effectively
	Difficulty with word-finding or comprehension

Cranial Nerves

Cranial Nerve	Function	Assessment	Normal/Abnormal
I - Olfactory	Smell	Identify familiar odors	□ Normal□ Abnormal
II - Optic	Vision	Visual acuity, color vision, visual fields	□ Normal□ Abnormal
III - Oculomotor	Eye movements, pupil constriction	Extraocular movements, pupillary light reflex	□ Normal□ Abnormal
IV - Trochlear	Superior oblique muscle	Superior oblique function	□ Normal□ Abnormal
V - Trigeminal	Sensation of the face, chewing	Sensory function of the face, masseter and temporalis muscle strength	□ Normal□ Abnormal
VI - Abducens	Lateral rectus muscle	Lateral rectus function	□ Normal□ Abnormal
VII - Facial	Facial expression, taste	Facial symmetry, taste sensation	□ Normal□ Abnormal
VIII - Vestibulocochlear	Hearing, balance	Auditory acuity, vestibular function	□ Normal□ Abnormal

IX - Glossopharyngeal	Swallowing, taste	Swallowing function, taste sensation	☐ Normal ☐ Abnormal
X - Vagus	Heart rate, respiration, digestion	Gag reflex, palatal reflex	□ Normal □ Abnormal
XI - Accessory	Shoulder movement	Trapezius and sternocleidomastoid muscle strength	☐ Normal ☐ Abnormal
XII - Hypoglossal	Tongue movement	Tongue strength and symmetry	☐ Normal ☐ Abnormal

Motor Function

• Upper Extremity Strength:

	bilateral grip strength
	shoulder abduction
	elbow flexion and extension
	wrist flexion and extension
•	Lower Extremity Strength:
	Assess bilateral hip flexion
	knee extension
	ankle dorsiflexion and plantarflexion
•	Coordination:
	Assess finger-to-nose test
	heel-to-shin test
	rapid alternating movements

Sensory Function

Sensory modality	Function	Assessment	Normal/Abnormal
Light Touch	Touch sensation	Light touch sensation in all extremities	□ Normal□ Abnormal
Pain	Pain sensation	Pinprick sensation in all extremities	□ Normal□ Abnormal
Temperature	Temperature sensation	Cold and warm objects in all extremities	□ Normal□ Abnormal
Vibration	Vibration sensation	Tuning fork on distal phalanges of fingers and toes	□ Normal□ Abnormal
Proprioception	Body position awareness	Joint position recognition test	□ Normal□ Abnormal

Reflexes

Reflex	Response - Normal/Abnormal
Biceps reflex	
Triceps reflex	
Patellar reflex	
Achilles reflex	
Plantar reflex	

Gait and Station

Gait	Comments
Walking Speed	
Stride Length	
Other Abnormalities	
Balance	
Eyes Open	
Eyes Closed	

Additional Notes

Overall Assessment