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| **General inspection** |
| Facial asymmetry |
| Loss of expression |
| Fasciculation |
| Comfort and Pain |
| **Cranial Nerve 1 – Olfactory** |
| Ask about sense of smell |
| **Cranial Nerve 2 – Optical** |
| Visual acuity |
| Visual fields |
| Fundoscopy |
| Pupillary Response – Direct and consensual reflex to light |
| Pupillary Response – Accommodation and Convergence |
| **Cranial Nerve 3, 4 and 5 – Oculomotor, Trochlear and Abducens** |
| Inspect resting gaze |
| Look for ptosis |
| Test eye movements – Follow object in H pattern |
| Ask about double vision |
| Nystagmus |
| **Cranial Nerve 5 – Trigeminal Nerve** |
| Light touch - ophthalmic |
| Light touch - maxillary |
| Light touch - mandibular |
| Corneal reflex – Use wisp of cotton bud |
| Motor – Palpate temporalis with clenched jaw |
| Motor – Palpate masseter with clenched jaw |
| More jaw from side to side against resistance |
| **Cranial Nerve 7 – Facial Nerve** |
| Raise eyebrows against force (Frontalis muscle) |
| Keep eyes closed against force (Orbicularis occuli) |
| Smile and show teeth (Orbicularis Oris) |
| Blow out cheeks (Buccinator) |
| Ask about changes to taste |
| **Cranial Nerve 8 – Vestibulocochlear** |
| Hearing test – Whisper numbers each ear |
| Otoscopy |
| Rinne’s test (Vibration louder beside ear or on mastoid process) |
| Weber’s test (Enquire which ear hears most sound when vibration is left on forehead) |
| **Cranial Nerve 9 and 10 – Glossopharyngeal and Vagus** |
| Ask to cough |
| Soft palate movement – Ask patient to say “Ahh” and note deviation of uvula |
| Note speech abnormalities |
| Assess tongue sounds – Ask patient to repeat “Yellow lorry” |
| Assess lip sounds – Ask patient to repeat “Baby hippopotamus” |
| Gag reflex |
| **Cranial Nerve 11 – Accessory** |
| Shrug shoulders against force |
| Tug head to each side against force |
| **Cranial Nerve 12 – Hypoglossal** |
| Note wasting or fasciculation to tongue |
| Protrude tongue – Note abnormal deviation or movements |
| Tongue movement against force (Use outside of patient’s cheek) |