# Elements of Eye Examination

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| **Eyes**         | • Test visual acuity (does not include determination of refractive error)  
                    • Gross visual field testing by confrontation  
                    • Test ocular motility including primary gaze alignment  
                    • Inspection of bulbar and palpebral conjunctivae  
                    • Examination of ocular adnexae including lids (e.g., ptosis or lagophthalmos), lacrimal glands, lacrimal drainage, orbits and preauricular lymph nodes  
                    • Examination of pupils and irises including shape, direct and consensual reaction (afferent pupil), size (e.g., anisocoria) and morphology  
                    • Slit lamp examination of the corneas including epithelium, stroma, endothelium, and tear film |
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| **Eyes (Continued)** | • Slit lamp examination of the anterior chambers including depth, cells, and flare  
|                   | • Slit lamp examination of the lenses including clarity, anterior and posterior capsule, cortex, and nucleus  
|                   | • Measurement of intraocular pressures (except in children and patients with trauma or infectious disease)  
|                   | Ophthalmoscopic examination through dilated pupils (unless contraindicated) of  
|                   | • Optic discs including size, C/D ratio, appearance (e.g., atrophy, cupping, tumor elevation) and nerve fiber layer  
|                   | • Posterior segments including retina and vessels (e.g., exudates and hemorrhages) |
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<td>Brief assessment of mental status including:</td>
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<td>• Orientation to time, place and person</td>
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Content and Documentation Requirements

Level of Exam    Perform and Document:

Problem Focused  **One to five** elements identified by a bullet.

Expanded Problem Focused  **At least six** elements identified by a bullet.

Detail  **At least nine** elements identified by a bullet.

Comprehensive  Perform **all** elements identified by a bullet; document every element in an **Underlined/bold** box and at least one element a non-underlined/bold box.
Resources

• UCLA Compliance Office
  – Marti Arvin, Chief Compliance Officer (310) 794-6763

• Confidential Hotline 1-800 296-7188

• UCLA Compliance Website http://www.mednet.ucla.edu/compliance/.