

Compliance Department

ELEMENTS OF EYE EXAMINATION

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Elements of Eye Examination

System/ Body Area	Elements of Examination Eye
<u>Eyes</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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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<u>Eyes</u> <u>(Continued)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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) <p>Ophthalmoscopic examination through dilated pupils (unless contraindicated) of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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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Neurological/ Psychiatric	Brief assessment of mental status including <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Orientation to time, place and person• Mood and affect (e.g., depression, anxiety, agitation)

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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/>.