

EXAMINATION OF THE EYE

Key skills

By the end of this session, you should be **confident** and **competent** in the following:

Examination of the eye- Including slit lamp	Rapid clinical screen	Key likely diagnoses or pathologies
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Examination routine:

1. Visual acuity	Use Snellen chart at 6 metres Test each eye separately Allow use of glasses if normally worn Normal vision is "6/6" <i>Terminology: A reading of "left eye 6/60" means that the patient can only read the top line with the left eye.</i>
2. Pupils	Size Light reflex (direct & consensual) Accommodation
3. Eye movements	III, IV, VI <i>Which nerve supplies which muscle?</i>
4. Visual fields	These skills are covered in a separate workshop but remember that they apply to many eye problems.
5. Fundoscopy	
6. Direct assessment	Inflammation Discharge Foreign bodies
7. Subtarsal examination	Evert upper lid with a cotton bud whilst patient looks down.
8. Slit lamp assessment Use of local anaesthesia Use of fluorescein	Conjunctiva Cornea Anterior chamber Corneal abnormalities seen under a blue light