Cranial Nerve Examination for the SLP

INTRODUCTION

A thorough cranial nerve examination is an essential part of the speech-language pathologist’s evaluation of every patient. When performed, it is useful in the diagnosis of speech and swallowing disorders, and accurate diagnosis is crucial for development of a targeted, individualized treatment plan. This video course provides an overview of the neuroanatomy and physiology of the cranial nerve examination. Participants will receive detailed instructions for testing and interpreting findings of the cranial nerve examination. The course also describes common abnormalities observed for patients with impairment of cranial nerve function.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

You will be able to:

- test cranial nerves crucial for speech, voice, and swallowing function
- identify common cranial nerve abnormalities during examination

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