Eye Assessment

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Objectives:

students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate the ability to safely & accurately complete a comprehensive examination of the eye.

2. Demonstrate the ability to accurately document eye assessment data in organized manner.

Equipment Needed

1 . Snellen Chart

2. Near-vision chart

3. Cover card

4. Penlight

5. Ophthalmoscope

6. Ruler

Guidelines for using the ophthalmoscope:

1 . Red numbers indicate a negative diopter & are used for nearsighted clients.

2. Black numbers indicate a positive diopter & are used for farsighted clients.

3. The zero lens is used if neither the examiner nor the client has a refractive error.

4. Turn ophthalmoscope on & select the aperture with the large round beam of white light.

5. Ask the client to remove glasses, remove your glasses. Contact lenses can be left in the eyes of the client or the examiner.

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6. Ask the client to fix gaze on an object that is straight ahead & slightly upward

7. Darken the room to allow pupils to dilate.

8. Hold the ophthalmoscope in your right hand with your index finger on the lens wheel & place the instrument to your right eye. Examine the client's right eye. use your left hand & left eye to examine the client's left eye.

9. Begin about 10-1 5 inches from the client at a 15 degree angel to the client's side.

10. Keep focuses on the red reflex as you move in closer, then rotate the diopter setting to see the optic disc

Subjective data:

1. Vision difficulty (decrease acuity)
2. Redness, swelling
3. Glaucoma (blurring, blind spots)
4. Pain
5, Watering, discharge
6. Use of glasses or contact lenses
7. Strabismus, diplpia
8. Past history of ocular problems
9. Self-care behaviors

External Eye Structures:

Eye brow for shape, movement , hair distribution : normal finding revealed symmetrical in shape intact skin and evenly hair distribution , symmetrical movement

Eye lashes : evenly hair distribution ,curl directed outward

Eye lids : inspect for color ,lesion and movement : color same as the face no discoloration , free of lesion and discharge when lids closed it should be symmetrical complete , sclera not visible

Assess bulbar conjunctiva (cover the eye ball and sclera : transparent ,sclera white or yellow in skinny person . capillary appears free of lesion(retract)

Assess palpebral conjunctiva line the eye lid everting the eye lid normal finding pink to red ,shiny smooth free of discharge and lesion

By using gauze or cotton touch the client cornea blinking indicate that the trigeminal (5th) nerve is intact





Inspect pupil : black in color , equal in size normally 3-7mm in diameter and round ,iris flat and rounded

Assess pupil for:

Direct reaction to light: pupil constrict

(penlight)

Reaction to Accommodation :

Penlight placed 10cm or 4 in near nose bridge , normal finding pupil constrict when looking on near object and dilated on far object.

Documentation: PERRLA (pupils equal round reacting to light and accommodation

Assess Lacrimal Gland Sac and Nasolacrimal duct

Inspect and us index to palpate :

Free of edema ,no tenderness ,no excessive tearing

Lacrimal gland in outer eye canthus

Lacrimal sac and duct inner canthus of eye

Exteraoccular Muscle Test

Stand direct in front of the client use penlight within 1ft distance (30 cm) ask the client to follow the object move toward 6 cardinal direction . Normal finding both eye coordinated movement

Abnormal: eye fail to follow the object squint and strabismus (cross –eye)

Nystagmus : caused by nerve impairment

How is visual field testing done?

Visual field testing is performed on one eye at a time, with the opposite eye completely covered to avoid errors.

In all testing, the patient must look straight ahead at all times in order to avoid testing the central vision rather than the periphery.

The reasons for this test are the following :

* visual field testing is useful screening for glaucoma,

*testing patient with glaucoma for treatment response,

*screening and testing for lid droop or ptosis, particularly for insurance approval of lid lift surgical procedures

Normally the results are:

* Temporal can detected within 90 degree central
  * Upward detected with 50 because of orbital ridge
  * Downward detected with 70 cheek bone
  * Nasal filed within 50 because of nose

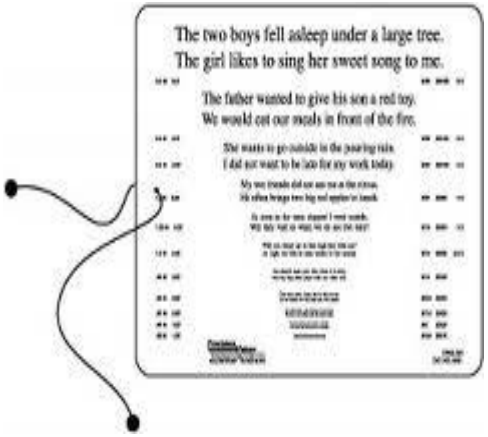
Normal : client can see the object

Abnormal: small field glaucoma ,

Visual acuity:

Near vision: within 30-36cm distance ask the client to read newspaper or magazine with keeping glass or lenses





Distance vision test within 20 feet or 6 meter by using snellen chart the client read the chart line from top to bottom .
First number 20 indicate the distance

Between the chart &client

Second number 20 indicate

The distance that normal

Eye can read

Glass and lenses kept



- Distance from the chart
  - D (distant) for the evaluation done at 20 feet (or 6 meters).
  - N (near) for the evaluation done at 14 inches (or 36 cm).
- Eye evaluated
  - OD (Latin *oculus dexter*) for the right eye.
  - OS (Latin *oculus sinister*) for the left eye.
  - OU (Latin *oculi uterque*) for both eyes.
  - CC (Latin *cum correctors*) with correctors.
  - SC (Latin *sine correctors*) without correctors

Performing functional vision test

1- light perception: shin penlight from lateral than off ask client about light if he recognize documentation : LP+

2- Hand movement within 30 cm 1 feet move hand back ,front than stop ask client when it stopped doc: H\M 1ft +

3- Counting finger within 30 cm or 1 ft ask the client number of finger doc: F\C+

Ophthalmoscope: A lighted instrument, one of the most important tools for examining the optic disc . Normal orange to pink with vessel appearance

Abnormal pale red spot

