

# Visual Skill Assessment: External Inspection and Observation

Purpose: To check for signs of external eye disease or abnormalities

NOTE: If the child is wearing corrective lenses, the glasses should be removed to allow the screener an unobstructed view of the eye and area surrounding the eye

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date Trained \_\_\_\_\_

Observed by \_\_\_\_\_ Date Observed \_\_\_\_\_

Equipment Needed	Yes	No	Comments
1. No Equipment is needed for this procedure	N/A	N/A	

Facilities	Yes	No	Comments
2. Child positioned in front of screener in a well-lit room without distractions			

Procedure (for children post newborn through 20 years)	Yes	No	Comments
3. Screener inspects the eye and the area surrounding the eye for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ swelling</li> <li>▪ discoloration</li> <li>▪ excessive tearing</li> <li>▪ drainage</li> </ul>			
4. Screener observes for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ position of the eyes—does one or both eyes turn in? turn out? turn up? or turn out?</li> <li>▪ nystagmus—repetitive movement of the eyes</li> <li>▪ persistent head tilt</li> </ul>			
5. Screener observes eyes using the <b>W-I-P-L</b> acronym <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Whites</b>—the sclera should be a shade of white without discoloration or growth</li> </ul>			

EXTERNAL INSPECTION AND OBSERVATION

Procedure (for children post newborn through 20 years)	Yes	No	Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Iris—the iris should be shaped in a complete circle and the color of the iris should be the same in both eyes</li> <li>▪ Pupil—the pupils should be clear and dark, equally sized and circular in shape. No cloudiness or white discoloration should be visible</li> <li>▪ Lids and Lashes—the pupil should be fully visible when the eyelids are open; the lid should rest flush against the surface of the eye; there should be no redness or signs of discharge along the eyelid margins or signs of a sty; lashes should be present on upper and lower lids; lashes should turn out; normal blinking pattern should be present.</li> </ul>			

Documentation of Screening Procedure	Yes	No	Comments
6. Screener clearly identifies <b>PASS</b> criteria: Normal appearance of all parts of the external eye.			
7. Screener clearly identifies <b>REFER</b> criteria for any noted abnormalities of the external eye: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Immediate referral to eye care provider if a white pupil (leukoria) is observed</li> <li>▪ Referral of abnormal eye positioning, nystagmus, persistent head tilt, lashes turn in, sclera are not a shade of white, irises are different colors or are not shaped in a complete circle, pupils are not equally sized or are not circular in shape</li> <li>▪ Stop screening if signs of infection are present (e.g., redness, drainage, crusting); refer to health care provider; reschedule vision screening.</li> </ul>			

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