

Nurses International

Clinical Skills

Name of the Procedure/Rubric/*Rationale*: Ear Examination- External ear

Step	Procedure	Yes	No	Remarks
1.	Identify the client, introduce yourself and obtain informed consent for the procedure. (Inform about what, why, and how of the procedure)			
2.	Perform hand hygiene.			
3.	Provide privacy. Pull curtains or close the door as per client's comfort.			
4.	Instruct or help the client to sit upright comfortably in bed/chair.			
5.	Standing in front of the client, inspect the client's each ears for: - Asymmetry, prominence - Scars, masses, edema - Erythema, discoloration of skins - Exudate, discharge - Displacement of pinna			
6.	Palpate areas around each of the client's ears for tenderness.			
7.	Explain the findings to the client.			
8.	Perform hand hygiene.			
9.	Document the findings of the assessments.			

Reference:

Hogan, C.J. & Tadi, P. (2020, March 11). *Ear Examination* In: StatPearls [Internet]. StatPearls Publishing. Retrieved from: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK556014/>

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