# OSCE Checklist: Examination of the Ear

## Introduction
- Introduce yourself
- Wash hands
- Briefly explain to the patient what the examination involves

## Pinna and Post Auricular Area
- Inspect pinna and mastoid:
  - Obvious deformities
  - Scars or skin changes
- Palpate the lymph nodes

## External Ear
- Inspect the external ear with otoscope
- Inspect the external ear canal
  - Pull the external ear superiorly and posteriorly

## Tympanic Membrane
- Inspect the tympanic membrane for:
  - Lateral process of malleus
  - Cone of light
  - Pars tensa and pars flaccida

## Assessment of Hearing
- **Rinne Test (512Hz tuning fork)**
  - Place near the external ear canal
  - Then place against the mastoid process
- **Weber Test Test (512Hz tuning fork)**
  - Place on the forehead in the midline

## Completing the Examination
- Thank the patient
- To complete the examination:
  - Tympanogram
  - Pure tone audiometry