Respiratory examination



1	Washes hands	
2	Introduces themselves	
3	Explains examination & gains consent	
4	Positions and exposes patient appropriately	
5	Performs general inspection	
6	Inspects hands - tar staining / finger clubbing	
7	Assess & compare temperature of hands	
8	Radial pulse - rate / rhythm / radio-radial delay	
9	Records respiratory rate	
10	Fine tremor	
11	Flapping tremor	
12	Conjunctival pallor	
13	Central cyanosis	
14	Jugular venous pressure	
15	Inspects thorax for scars & deformity	
16	Tracheal position	
17	Cricosternal distance	
18	Apex beat	
19	Chest expansion	
20	Chest percussion	
21	Chest auscultation	
22	Vocal resonance / Tactile vocal fremitus	
23	Palpates lymph nodes	
24	Repeat assessment on posterior aspect of chest (inspection / expansion / percussion / auscultation / vocal resonance (or tactile vocal fremitus)	

EXAMINER

"Summarise your findings, suggest further investigations and offer a differential diagnosis"

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25	Accurately summarises salient findings	
26	Suggests appropriate further investigations - e.g. CXR	
27	Suggests appropriate differential diagnosis	

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