8.1: Eye and Ear Assessment Introduction

Learning Objectives

• Perform an eye and ear assessment, including visual acuity, extraocular motion, and hearing acuity
• Modify assessment techniques to reflect variations across the life span
• Document actions and observations
• Recognize and report significant deviations from norms

The ability to see, hear, and maintain balance are important functions of our eyes and ears. Let’s begin by reviewing the anatomy of the eye and ear and their common disorders.