



Facial Musculature

Muscle	Origin	Insertion	Function
Epicranial muscles M. frontalis (syn. Venter frontalis m occipitofrontalis)	Skin of the eyebrows	Galea aponeurotica	Draws eyebrow upward, wrinkles forehead to express emotion, eg frowning, astonishment
M. Corrugator supercilii	Nasal process of frontal bone	Skin above eyebrow	Makes vertical forehead lines (frown lines)
Orbicular Muscles M. orbicularis oculi, muscles of palpebral fissure Pars palpebralis	Medial Palpebral ligament	Lateral palpebral ligament	Blinking, eyelid closure
Pars orbitalis	Anterior lacrimal crest	Concentrically around the orbit	Squinting
Pars lacrimalis	Posterior lacrimal crest, lacrimal sac	Pars palpebralis	Enlarges lacrimal sac
Muscles of the nose M. procerus	Skin over nose	Skin between eyebrows	Wrinkles nose, makes transverse nasal folds
M. nasalis Pars transversa	Skin over canine tooth	Bridge of nose	Narrows nostril
Pars alaris	Skin over incisors	Side of nose	Narrows nostril
Muscles of the mouth M. orbicularis oris Pars marginalis Pars labialis	Forms a ring around the mouth		Closes and protrudes the lips
M. levator labii superioris	Above infraorbital foramen	Orbicular muscle	Raises corners of mouth
M. levator labii Superioris alaeque nasi	Medial to orbital wall	Cartilage of ala nasa and upper lip	Raises upper lip and dilates nostril (nasal flaring)
M. zygomaticus minoygo	Outer aspect of zygomatic bone	Angle of mouth	Draws angle of mouth backward and downward



M. zygomaticus minor	Zygomatic bone near maxillary suture	Orbicularis oris and levator labii superioris	Draws upper lip upward and laterally
M. levator anguli orig	Canine fossa of maxilla	Angle of mouth	Draws angle of mouth upward
M. buccinator	Pterygomandibular raphe, maxilla, mandible	Orbicularis oris at angle of mouth	Puffs up cheeks
M. depressor anguli oris	Lower edge of mandible	Angle of mouth	Draws angle of mouth downwards (expresses sadness)
M. depressor labii inferioris	Lower edge of mandible, platysma	Lower lip	Draws lower lip downward (used in drinking)
M. mentalis	Alveolar wall of incisors of lower jaw	Skin of chin	Wrinkles skin of chin
Superficial muscles of neck Platysma	Base of mandible, Parotid fascia	Pectoral fascia	Tenses the skin of the neck