

ANATOMICAL FACIAL EXPRESSION CHART

Reference Template v1.0

MUSCLE GROUP	MUSCLE NAME	PRIMARY ACTION / EXPRESSION
Forehead & Eyebrow	Frontalis	Raises eyebrows; wrinkles forehead (Surprise)
	Corrugator Supercilii	Draws eyebrows medially; vertical wrinkles (Frowning)
Orbital Area	Orbicularis Oculi	Closes eyelids; squinting (Crow's feet)
	Levator Palpebrae Superioris	Elevates upper eyelid (Wide-eyed)
Nasal Area	Procerus	Pulls eyebrows down; bridge wrinkles (Disgust)
	Nasalis	Flaring of nostrils; compresses nasal bridge
	Depressor Septi Nasi	Constricts nostrils; pulls tip of nose down
Mouth & Lips	Orbicularis Oris	Puckers/closes lips (Kissing or whistling)

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	Zygomaticus Major	Pulls corners of mouth up and out (Genuine smile)
	Risorius	Pulls lips laterally (Insincere/strained smile)
	Depressor Anguli Oris	Pulls corners of mouth down (Sadness/frown)
	Buccinator	Compresses cheeks against teeth (Sucking/blowing)
Chin & Neck	Mentalis	Elevates and protrudes lower lip (Pouting)

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