

ANTERIOR FACIAL MUSCLE ANATOMY

Reference Chart for Clinical Study

Muscle Name	Primary Action
Frontalis	Raises eyebrows, wrinkles forehead
Orbicularis Oculi	Closes eyelids (blinking/squinting)
Zygomaticus Major	Draws angle of mouth upward (smiling)
Orbicularis Oris	Closes and protrudes lips (pouting)
Buccinator	Compresses cheeks (blowing/chewing)
Masseter	Elevates mandible (closes jaw)
Mentalis	Elevates and protrudes lower lip
Platysma	Depresses lower jaw/tenses neck skin
Nasalis	Flaring of nostrils

Educational Reference Only – Anterior View – Facial Musculature Series