

**TABLE 9 - 1** *The Extrinsic Eye Muscles (Figure 9 -9)*

MUSCLE	ORIGIN	INSERTION	ACTION	INNERVATION
<b>Inferior rectus</b>	Sphenoid bone around optic canal	Inferior, medial surface of eyeball	Eye looks down	Oculomotor nerve (N III)
<b>Medial rectus</b>	As above	Medial surface of eyeball	Eye looks medially	As above
<b>Superior rectus</b>	As above	Superior surface of eyeball	Eye looks up	As above
<b>Lateral rectus</b>	As above	Lateral surface of eyeball	Eye looks laterally	Abducens nerve (N VI)
<b>Inferior oblique</b>	Maxillary bone at anterior portion of orbit	Inferior, lateral surface of eyeball	Eye rolls, looks up and laterally	Oculomotor nerve (N III)
<b>Superior oblique</b>	Sphenoid bone around optic canal	Superior, lateral surface of eyeball	Eye rolls, looks down and laterally	Trochlear nerve (N IV)