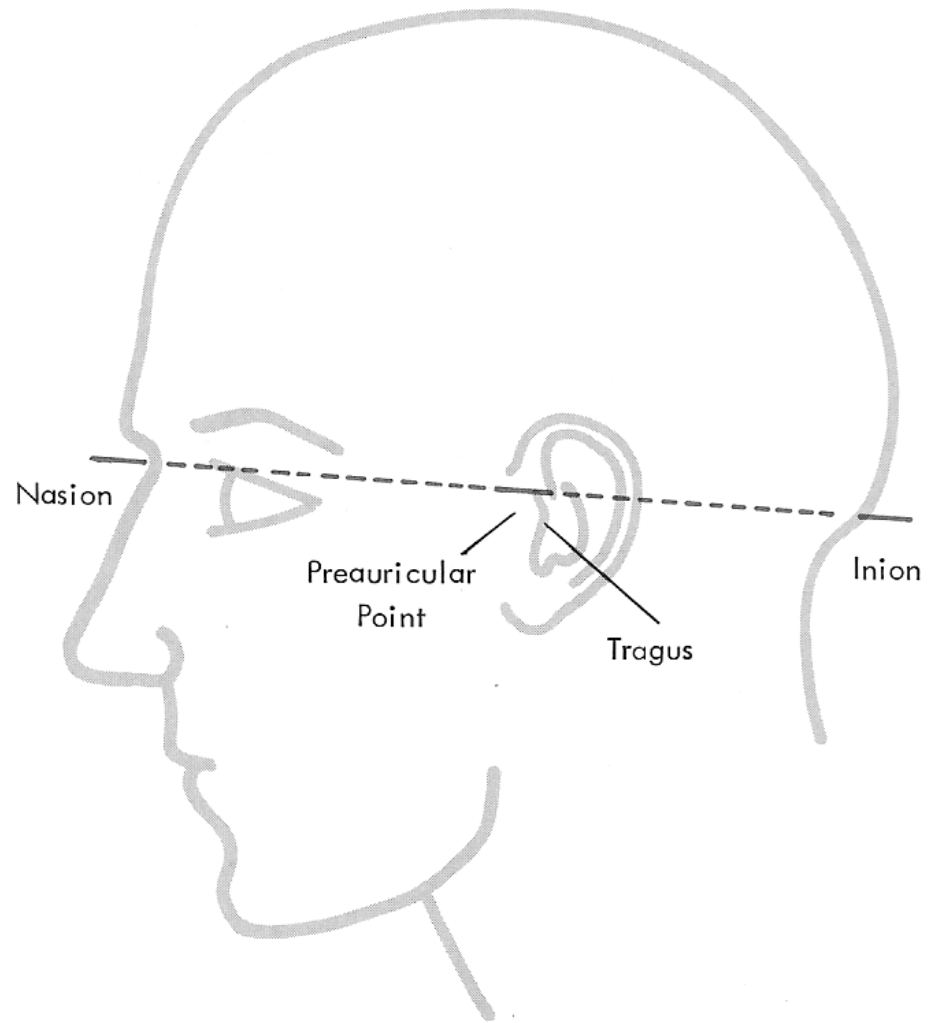


Skull Landmarks

- The **nasion** is the indentation between the forehead and the nose.
- The **inion** is a ridge or knob that can be felt as you run your finger up the back of the neck to the skull. You should first encounter a depression with the ridge of the protruding inion just above it. If the location of the inion is not at first obvious to you, ask the patient to tilt his head all the way back or backward and forward while you try to feel the ridge. If the location of the inion is still in doubt, mark it at the same level as the preauricular points.
- The **preauricular points** are indentations just above the cartilage (tragus) which covers the external ear opening. Locate this point on both the right and left sides.



LEFT LATERAL VIEW OF SKULL LANDMARKS.

FIGURE 3A