



RADIOGRAPHIC TECHNIQUE-2

FACIAL BONES RADIOGRAPHIC POSITIONING

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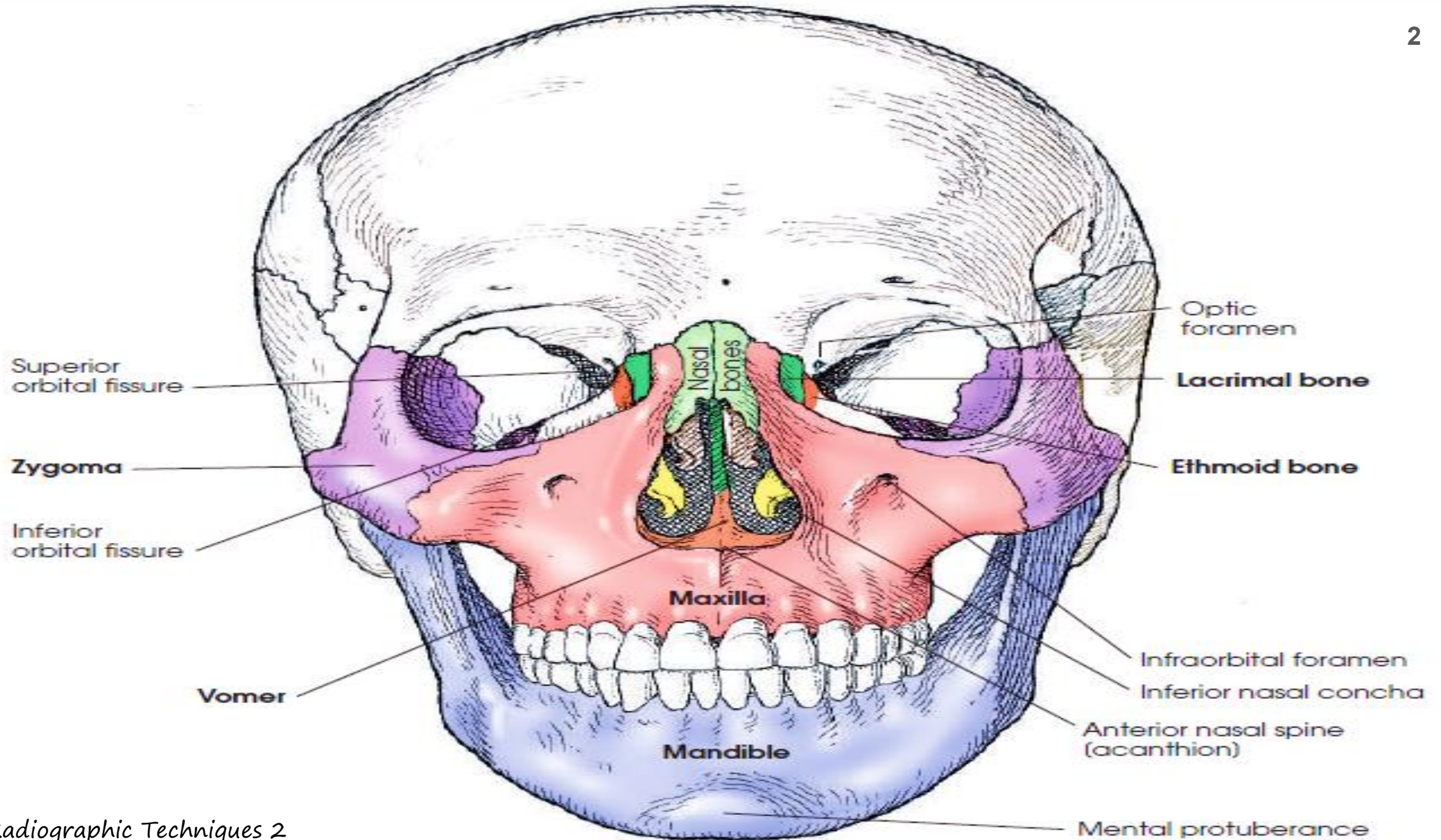
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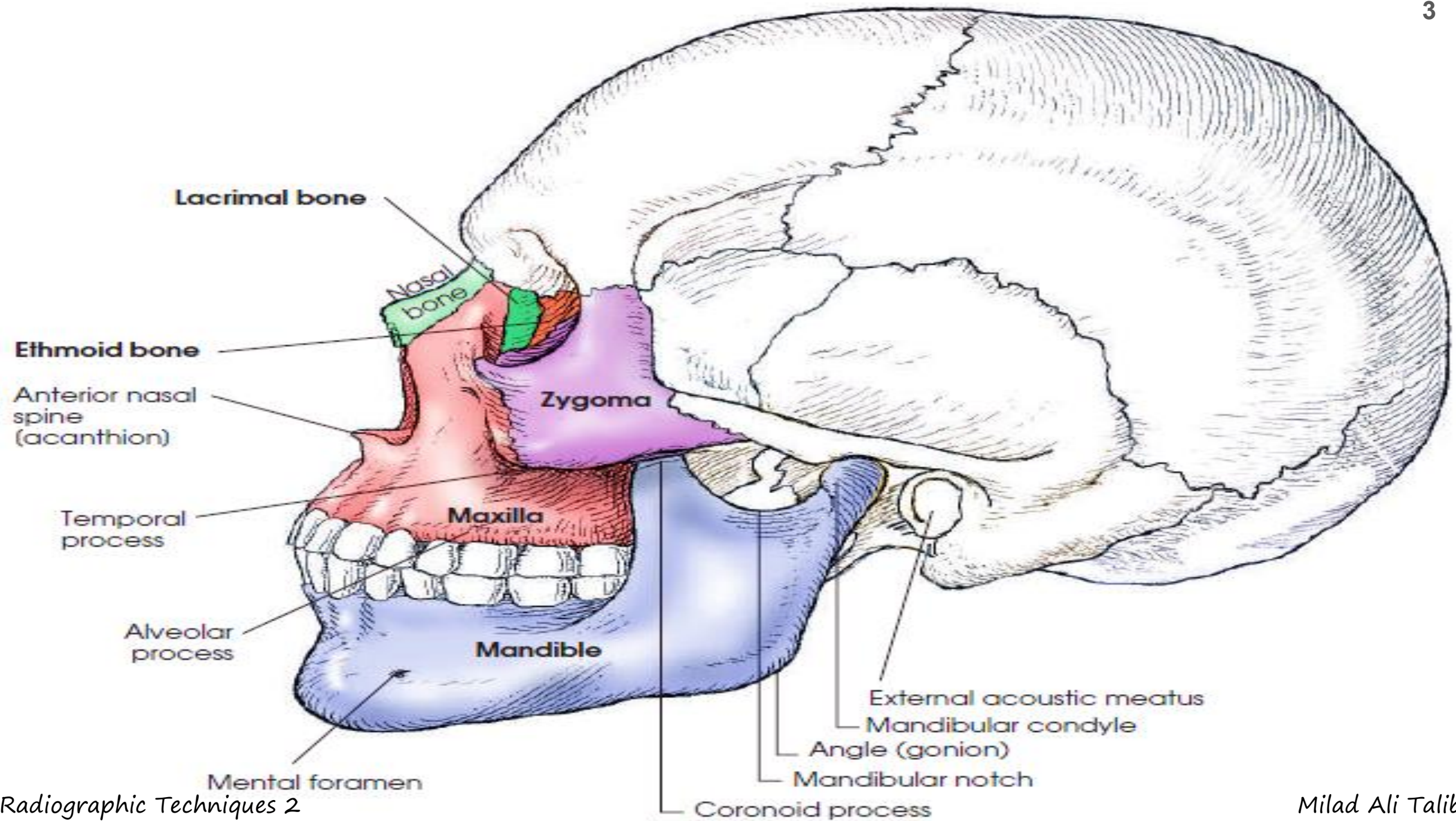
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Facial Bones radiographic positioning

Routine Positioning

1. Lateral
2. Parietoacanthial
(Waters method)
3. PA axial
(Caldwell method)

Clinical Indications

- Fractures
- Neoplastic
- Inflammatory processes of the facial bones, orbits, and mandible

1. LATERAL PROJECTION (R or L position)

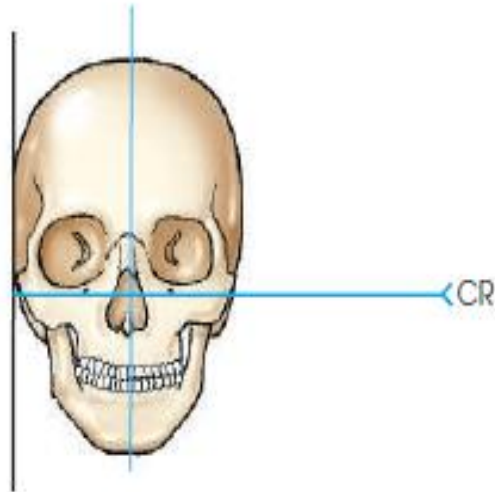
Patient Position

- Patient position is erect or recumbent semiprone. (same lateral skull position)
- Rest lateral aspect of head against table or upright imaging device surface, with side of interest closest to IR.
- Adjust head into a true lateral position and oblique body as needed for patient's comfort.
- Align MSP parallel to IR, Align IPL perpendicular to IR.
- Adjust chin to bring IOML perpendicular to front edge of IR.

1. LATERAL PROJECTION (R or L position)

CR: Align CR perpendicular to IR. Center CR to zygoma (the cheek) , midway between outer canthus and EAM

Collimation: Collimate on four sides to anatomy of interest.



Upright lateral facial bones diagram.

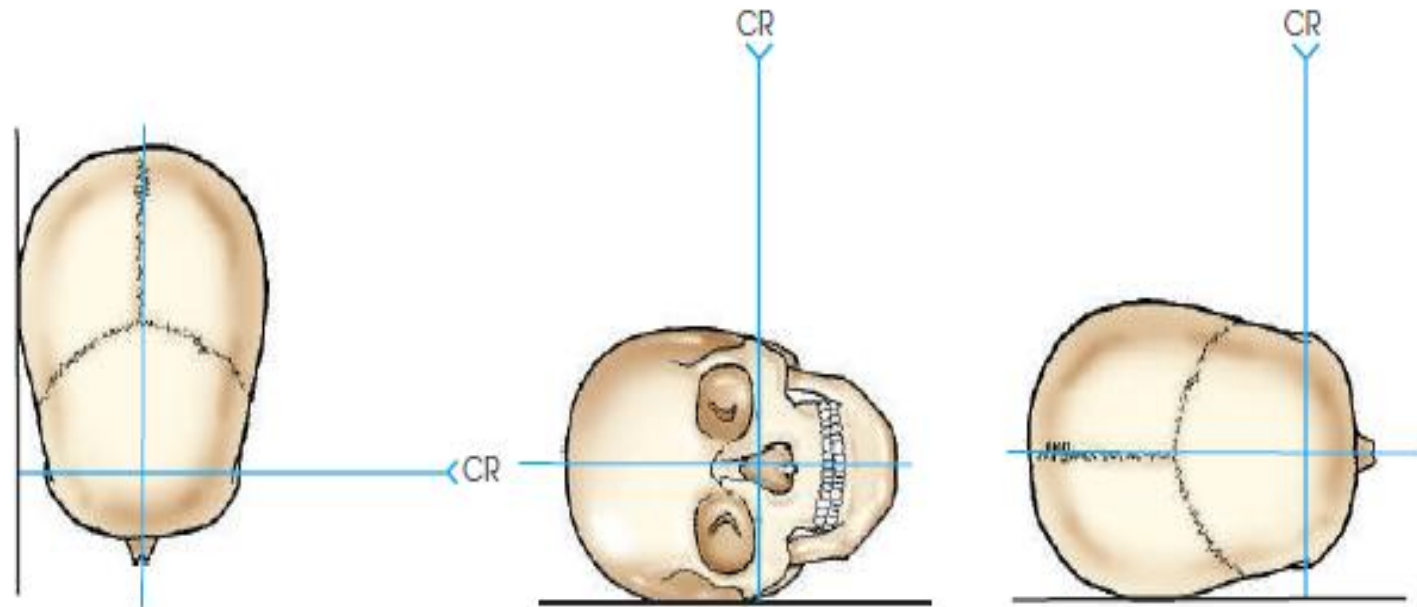


Table radiography diagram: lateral facial bones.

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Technical Factors

- * SID: 102 cm
- * Grid: yes
- * IR size: (8 × 10 inches) L.W
- * kV: 75
- * mAs: 25
- * Respiration: Suspended

Evaluation Criteria

- Superimposed facial bones, greater wings of the sphenoid, orbital roofs, sella turcica, zygoma, and mandible are demonstrated.
- No rotation or tilt of the facial bones (All facial bones in the center).
- Proper brightness and contrast.

**Lateral image of
the facial bones
demonstrates no
rotation or tilt.**



2. PARIETOACANTHIAL PROJECTION (Waters method)

Clinical Indications: Fractures (particularly tripod and Le Fort fractures*) and neoplastic or inflammatory processes, foreign bodies in the eye

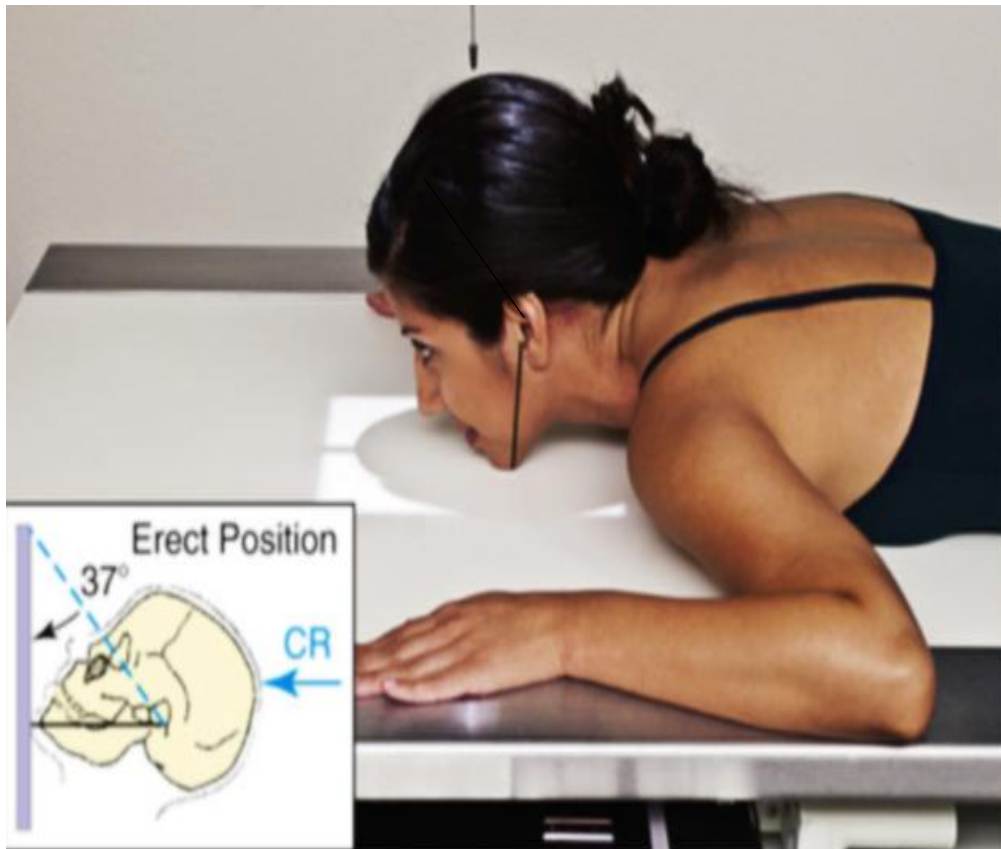
Patient position:

- Patient position is erect (preferred) or prone.
- Position MSP perpendicular to midline of grid or IR.
- Extend neck, resting chin against the table.
- Adjust head until MML is perpendicular to IR. (OML forms a 37° angle with IR).
- Center IR to CR.

*** Tripod and Le Fort fractures:**

Midface fractures involving the maxilla and surrounding facial structures.

2. PARIETOACANTHIAL PROJECTION (Waters method)



Parietoacanthial (Waters)— MML perpendicular (OML 37°).

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CR: Align CR perpendicular to IR to exit at acanthion. Center IR to CR.

Collimation: Collimate on four sides to anatomy of interest.

Technical Factors

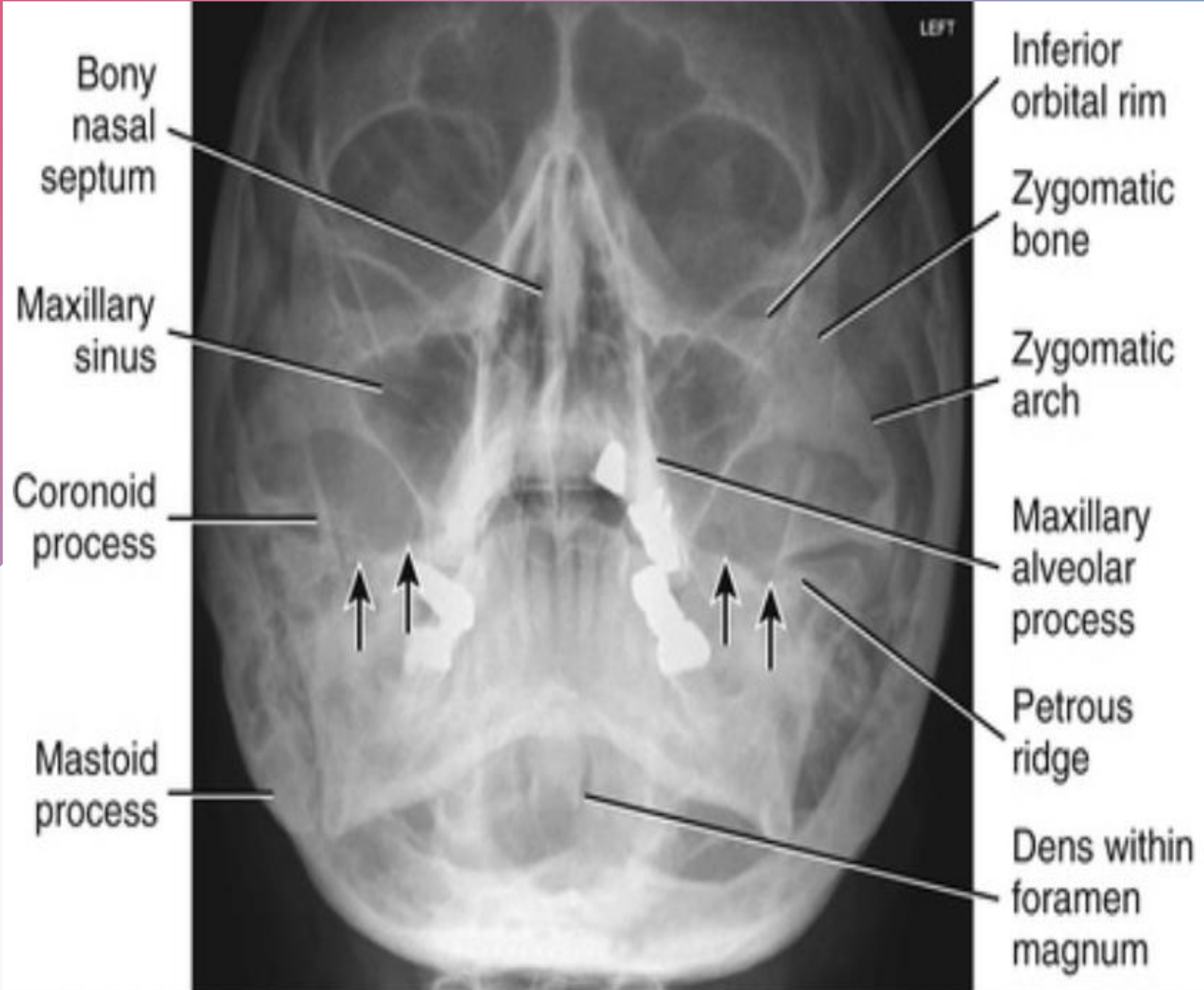
- SID: 102 cm
 - IR size: (8 × 10 inches) L.W
 - kV: 80
 - Respiration: Suspended
- * Grid: yes
 - * mAs: 28

2. PARIETOACANTHIAL PROJECTION (Waters Method)

Evaluation Criteria

- IOMs, maxillae, nasal septum, zygomatic bones, zygomatic arches, and anterior nasal spine.
- Petrous ridges just inferior to the maxillary sinuses
- No patient rotation exists, as indicated by equal distance from the midlateral orbital margin to the lateral cortex of cranium on each side.

**Parietoacanthial
(Waters)
projection**



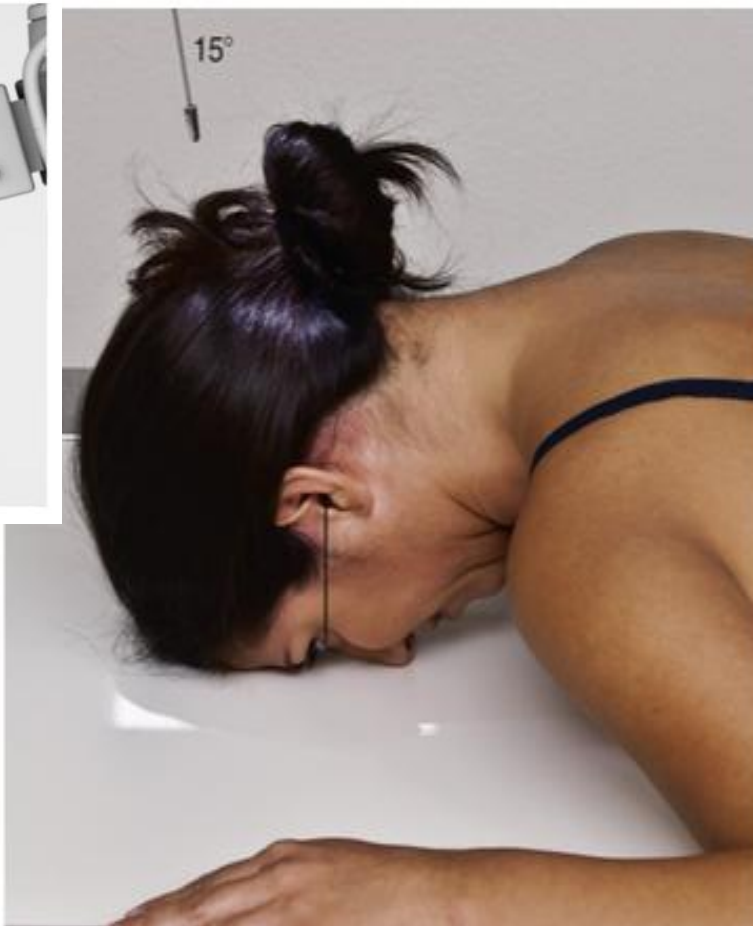
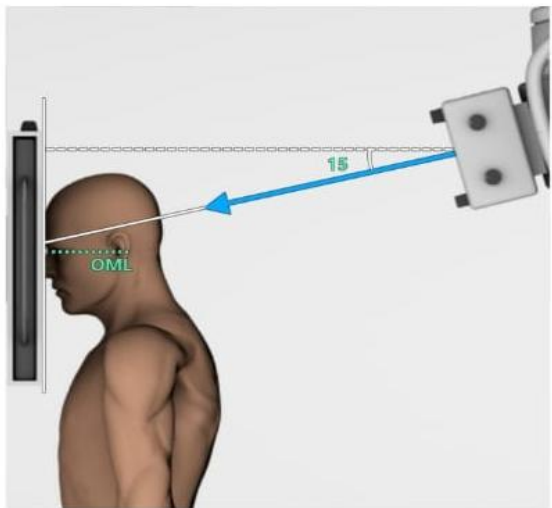
3. PA Axial Projection, 15° caudad (Caldwell Method)

Clinical Indications: Fractures and neoplastic or inflammatory processes of the facial bones.

Patient position

- Erect (preferred).
- Rest patient's nose and forehead against tabletop.
- Tuck chin, bringing OML perpendicular to IR.
- Align MSP perpendicular to midline of IR. Ensure no rotation or tilt of head.

3. PA Axial Projection, 15° caudad (Caldwell Method)



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CR: Angle CR 15° caudad, to exit at nasion. Center CR to IR.

NOTE: If area of interest is the orbital floors, use a 30 ° caudad angle to project the petrous ridges below the IOM. CR will exit level of midorbits.

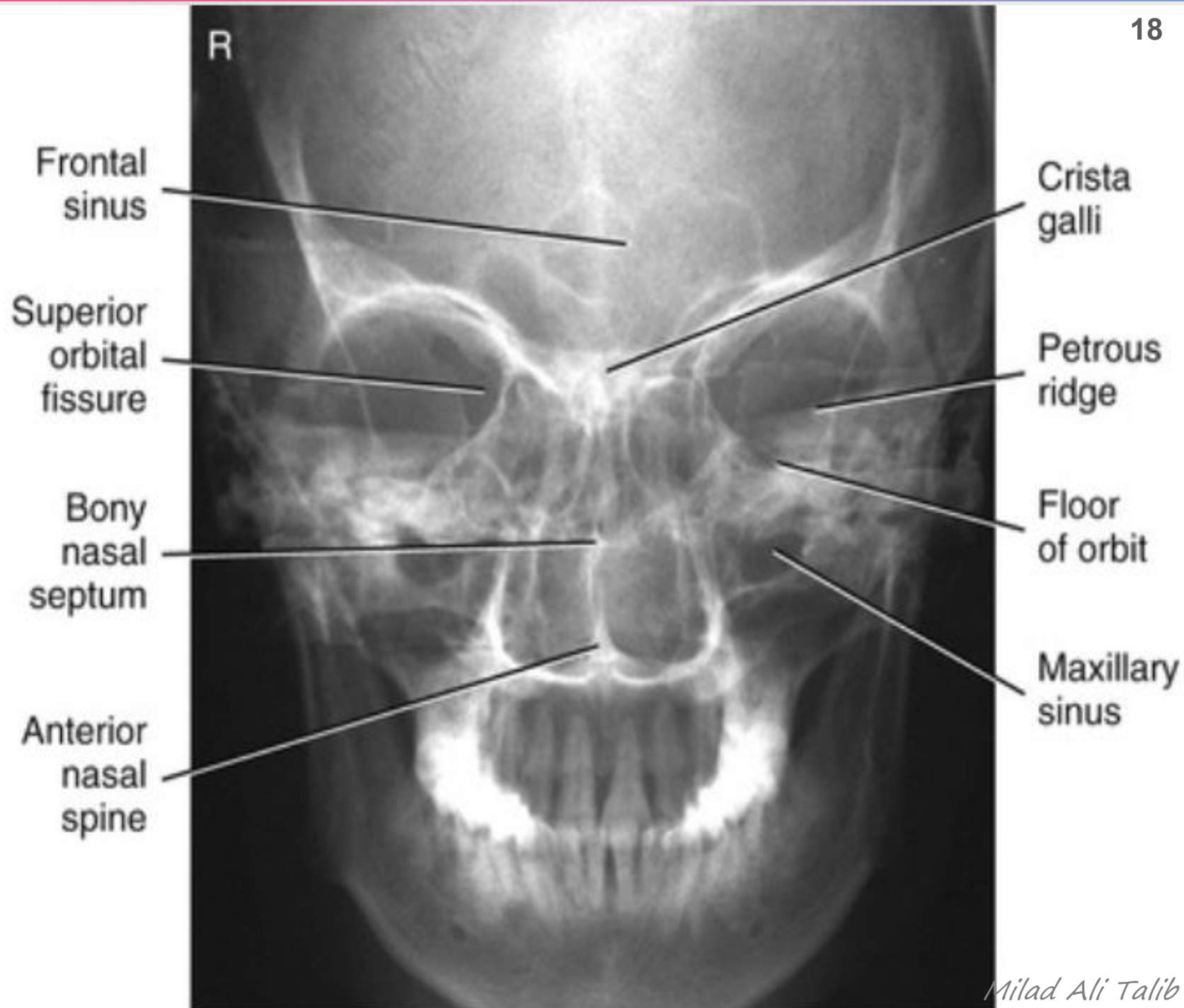
Collimation: Collimate on four sides to the anatomy of interest.

Technical Factors

- * SID: 102 cm
- * Grid: yes
- * IR size: (8 × 10 inches) L.W
- * kV: 75
- * mAs: 25
- * Respiration: Suspended

Evaluation Criteria: Orbital rim, maxillae, nasal septum, zygomatic bones, and anterior nasal spine.

**PA Axial
Projection,
15° caudad
(Caldwell Method)**



Nasal Bones

- Lateral
- Parietoacanthial (Waters method)

1. Lateral Position:

Clinical Indications: Nasal bone fractures, both sides should be examined for comparison, with side closest to IR best demonstrated.

Patient position:

- Recumbent semiprone or erect.
- Rest lateral aspect of head against the IR, with side of interest closest to IR.

Nasal Bones

- Position nasal bones to center of IR.
- Adjust head into a true lateral position and oblique body as needed for patient's comfort (place sponge block under chin if needed).
- Align MSP parallel with a table /upright IR.
- Align IPL perpendicular to IR. Position IOML perpendicular to front edge of IR.



Left lateral nasal bones—recumbent semi-prone or erect.

Nasal Bones

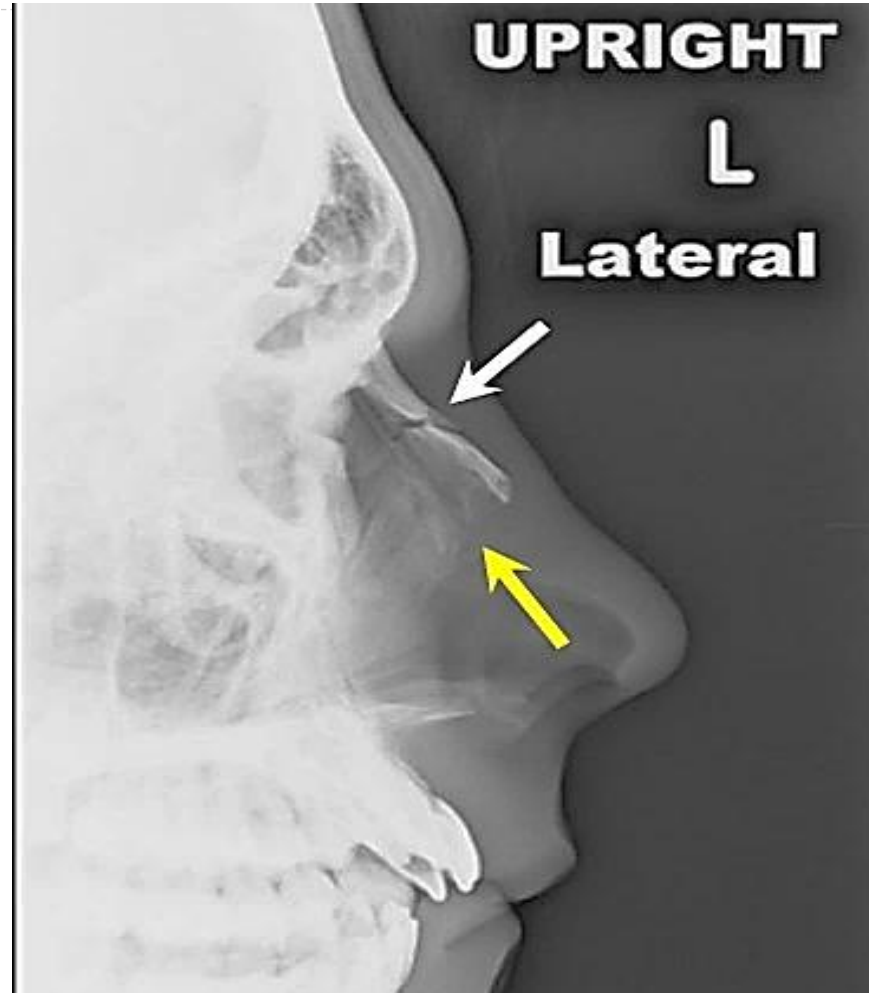
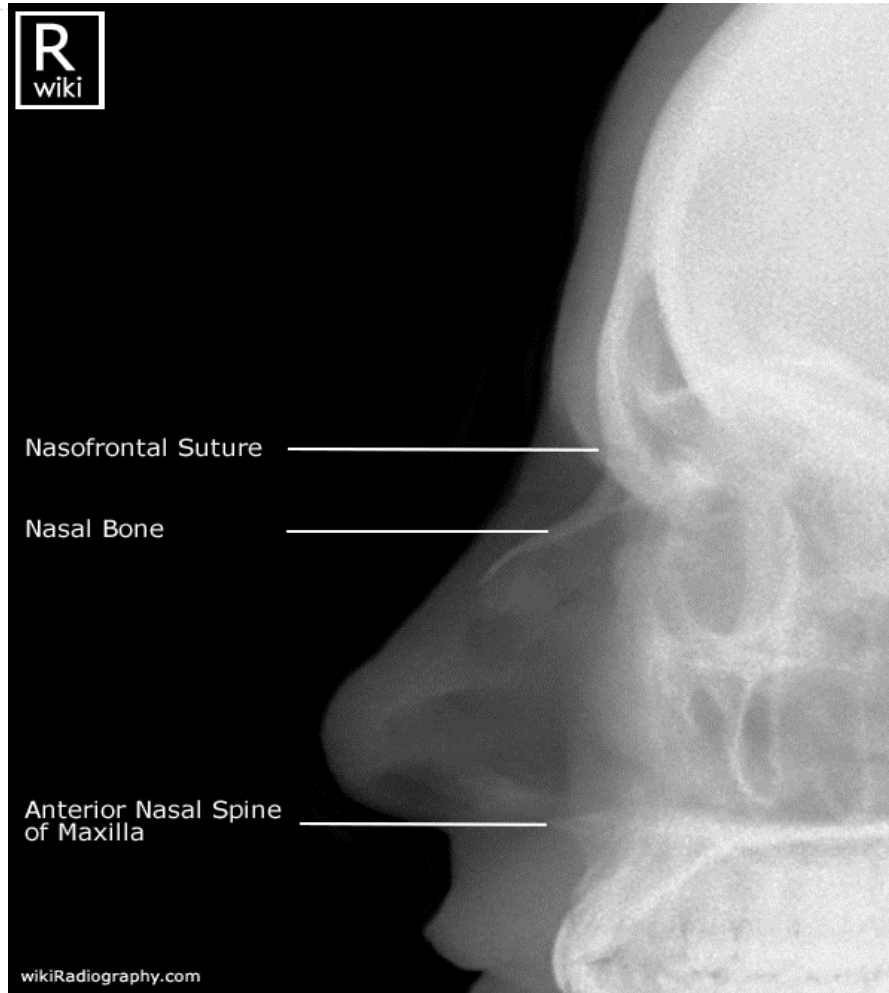
CR: Align CR perpendicular to IR. Center CR to (1.25 cm) inferior to nasion.

Collimation: Collimate on all sides to within (5 cm) of nasal bone.

Technical Factors

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| • SID: 102 cm | Grid: No | IR size: (8 × 10 inches) L.W |
| • kV: 55 | mAs: 3 | Respiration: Suspended |

Nasal Bones



Right and left lateral nasal bones

Abbreviations

- **IR:** Image receptor
- **CR:** Central ray
- **MSP:** Median sagittal plane
- **IPL:** Interpupillary (interorbital) line
- **OML:** Orbitomeatal line
- **IOML:** Infraorbitomeatal line
- **EAM:** External acoustic meatus
- **MML:** Mentomeatal line
- **IOMs:** Inferior orbital margins

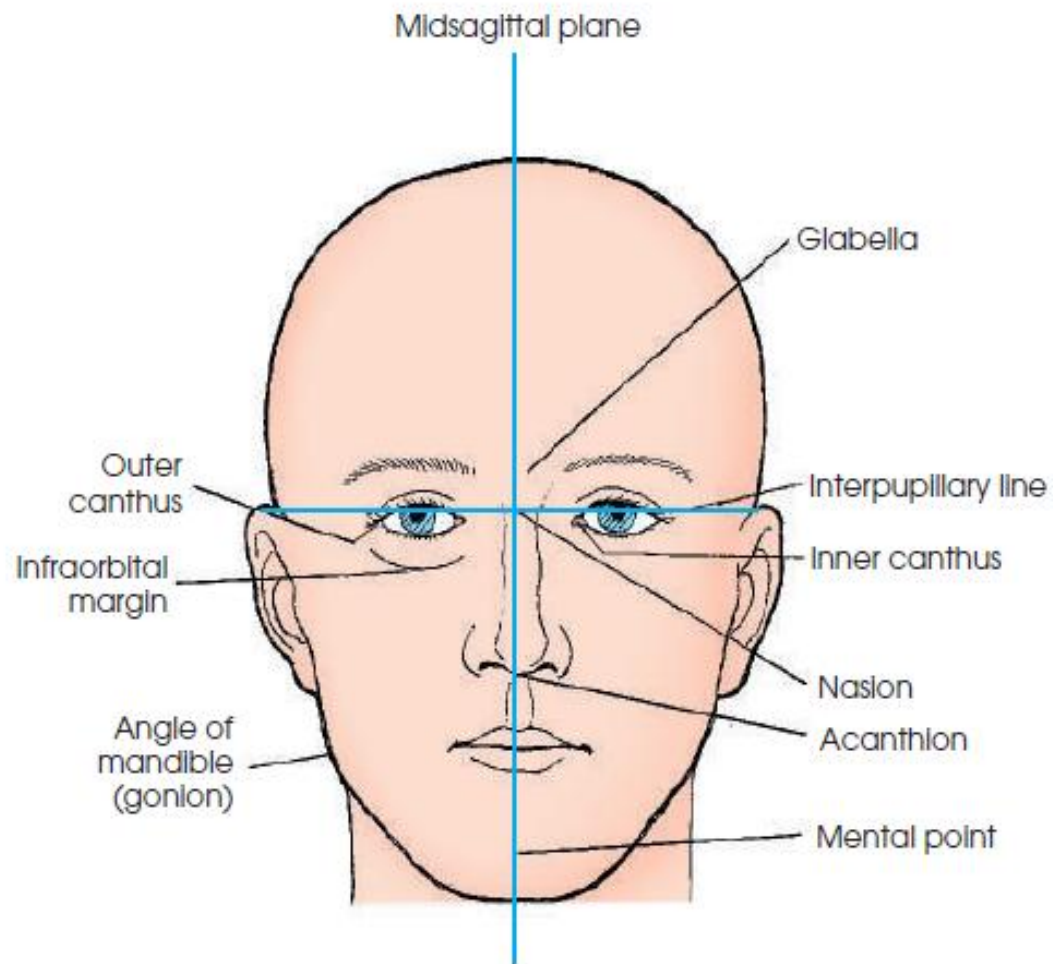


Fig. 20-37 Anterior landmarks.

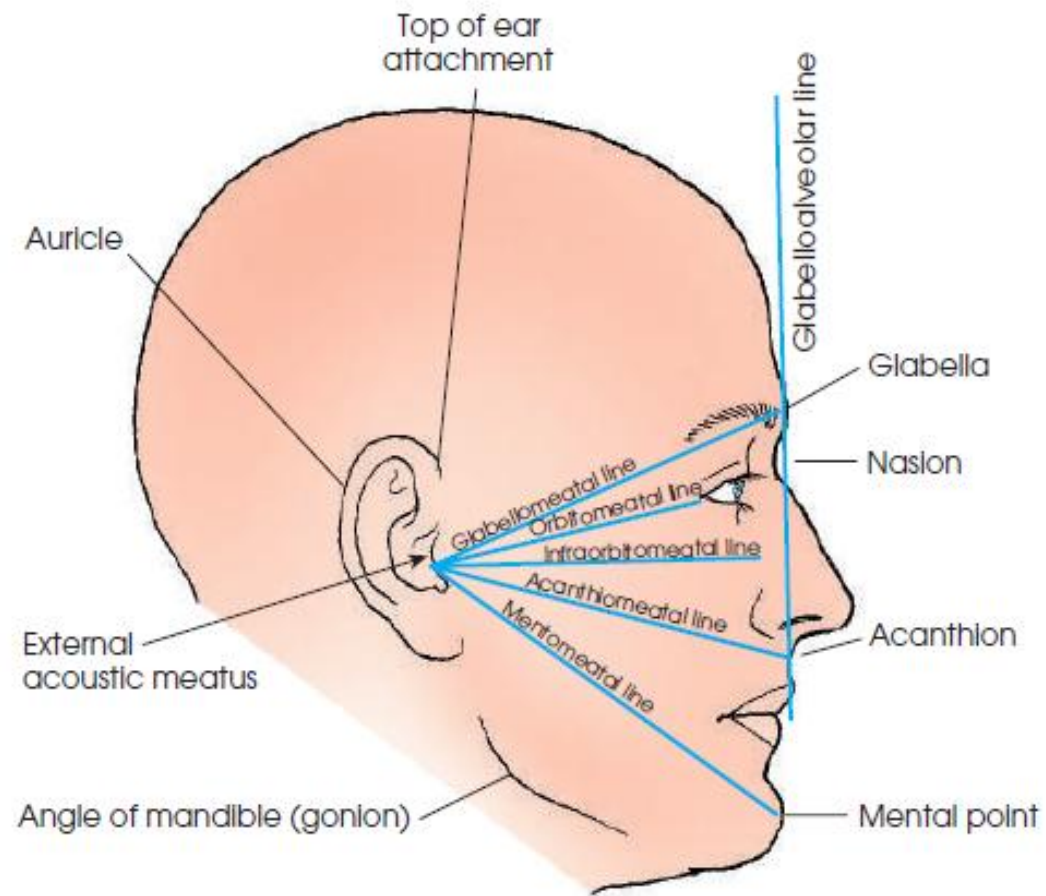
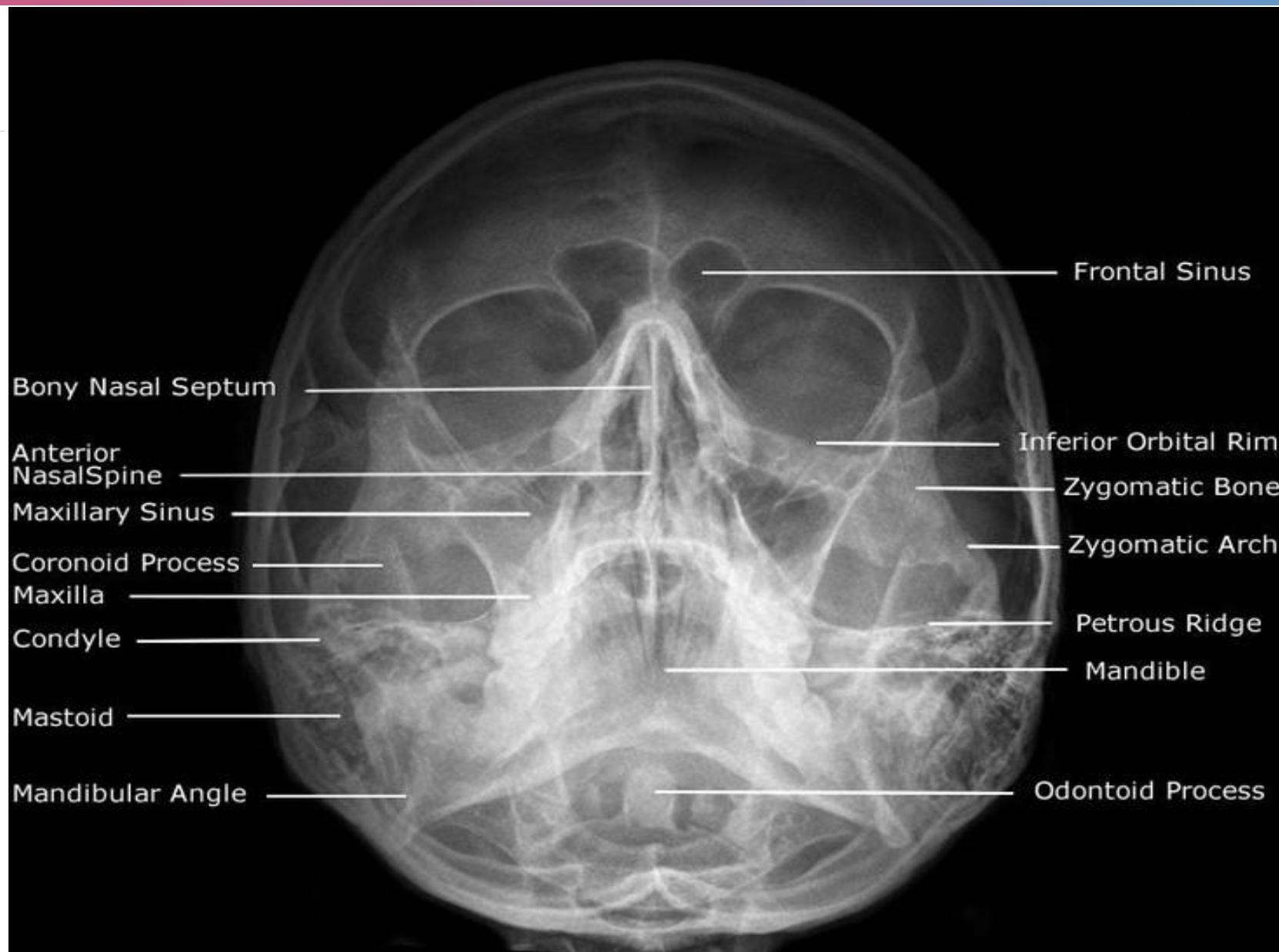


Fig. 20-38 Lateral landmarks.





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