

Definition Legend

Abbreviation	Variable	Definition
Landmarks		
A	A Point	Point of maximum concavity in the midline of the alveolar process of the maxilla
ANS	Anterior nasal spine	The tip of the median, sharp bony process of the maxilla at the lower margin of the anterior nasal opening
AR	Articulare	Most posterior point of the mandibular condyle
B	B Point	Point of maximum concavity in the midline of the alveolar process of the mandible
BA	Basion	Most inferior and posterior point on the most anterior margin of the foramen magnum
Gn	Gnathion	Halfway between pogonion and menton on the symphysis, it is the most anterior/inferior point of the symphysis of the mandible
Go	Gonion	Point on the mandibular angle representing the intersection of the lines of the posterior ramus and the inferior border of the mandible
Men	Menton	Most inferior midpoint of the chin on the outline of the mandibular symphysis
N	Nasion	Junction of the frontonasal suture at the most posterior point on the curve at the bridge of the nose
PNS	Posterior Nasal Spine	Most posterior midpoint of the posterior nasal spine of the palatine bone.
Pog	Pogonion	Most anterior midpoint of the chin on the outline of the mandibular symphysis
Po	Porion	Most superior point of each external acoustic meatus
PP	Medial pterygoid plate	Most anterior point of the medial pterygoid plate at the pterygomaxillary fissure
S	Sella	Center of the hypophyseal fossa
Distances, ratios and angles		
S-N	Sella-Nasion	the anterior cranial base length
S-ANS	Sella-Anterior nasal spine	the distance between sella and anterior nasal spine
S-A	Sella-A point	the distance between sella and A point
S-B	Sella-B point	the distance between sella and B point
S-Pog	Sella-Pogonion	posterior facial height
S-GN	Y Axis	the distance between sella and Gnathion
S-PNS	Nasion-Posterior nasal spine	the distance between nasion and posterior nasal spine
S-GO	Sella-Gonion	the posterior total facial height right
S-AR	Sella-Articulare	the distance between sella and articulare
ANS-BA	Anterior nasal spine-Basion	midfacial length
ANS-N	Anterior nasal spine-Nasion	the anterior midfacial height
ANS-Men	Anterior nasal spine-Menton	anterior lower facial height

N-Men	Nasion-Menton	anterior total facial height
N-ANS/S-PNS	upper anterior facial height-upper posterior facial height	indicates ratio of upper anterior facial height to upper posterior facial height
ANS-Men/N-Men	Lower facial height/Total facial height	Indicates ratio of lower to total facial heights
S-GO/N-Men	Posterior facial height-Anterior facial height	indicates ratio of posterior and anterior facial heights
Wit's	Modified 3-D Wit's measurement	The modified 3-D Wit's measurement is a projective linear measurement between the 3-D cephalometric hard tissue A point and B point landmarks that are projected perpendicular on the 3-D occlusal plane
SNA	Sella-Nasion-A point	indicates the sagittal position of the maxilla relative to the cranial base.
SNB	Sella-Nasion-B point	indicates the sagittal position of the mandible relative to the cranial base.
ANB	A point-Nasion-B point	the relative position of the maxilla to the mandible
N-S-AR	Nasion-Sella-Articulare	corresponding to cranial base angle
N-S-PP	Nasion-Sella-medial pterygoid plate	corresponding to the degree of backward rotation of the pterygoid plates
N-S-GN	Nasion-Sella-Gnathion	the relative position of gnathion to cranial base
N-A-Pog	Nasion-A point-Pogonion	indicates facial convexity angle
S-N-Pog	Sella-Nasion-Pogonion	indicates the sagittal position of the chin to anterior cranial base