



Figure 1-3b Anatomical locations on the head (drawing by Holly Hess).

A Final Note

Probably the key word for history taking is patience. We've all had patients like this:

You: Mrs. Jones, are you taking any medications?

Mrs. Jones: No.

As you write down "none," she suddenly continues:

Mrs. Jones: Except for Lasix (Hoechst-Roussel Phramaceuticals, Inc., Somerville, NJ)and potassium and Estratest (Solvay Phramaceuticals, Inc., Marietta, GA).

You scratch through "none" and record her list. Then she continues:

Mrs. Jones: Well, the doctor took me off the Estratest at my last visit....

And so it goes. Just keep your sense of humor, and remember that what you're doing really does make a difference.