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### Vital Signs Assignment

1. I would use a brachial pulse when assessing where to put the diaphragm of my stethoscope for a manual blood pressure.
2. I would use a radial pulse when I am manually checking heart rate/pulse for an assessment.
3. I may try to use an ulnar pulse if a patient has wrist contractures, and it is hard to get to the radial pulse site.
4. I would use a dorsalis pedis site if I were assessing edema in the ankles/feet.
5. I may use a posterior tibial pulse site if a patient has circulatory issues or severe edema in the legs.
6. Femoral popliteal pulse site may be used possibly if someone is immobile, and you need to check circulation to the lower legs.
7. I would use an apical pulse to try and hear any abnormalities in the heart rhythm or sounds.
8. I will use a carotid pulse possibly if a patient has weak/low radial pulses or low blood pressure.
9. I might use a temporal pulse site in infants where the artery is very close to the skin, and it is a bigger surface area on an infant.