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Nursing Foundations

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Online Vital Signs Assignment

Temporal

- A nurse would use this pulse site during CPR because it is a main artery that leads to the brain, neck, and face.

Carotid

- A nurse would use this pulse site for an unresponsive patient because it is the most reliable site for finding a pulse.

Apical

- This pulse site would be used when checking for any heart problems or irregular rhythms.

Brachial

- The pulse site is most commonly used when checking blood pressure.

Radial

- The radial site for finding a pulse is used to help assess cardiovascular statuses.

Ulnar

- This pulse site would be used to check the blood flow of the hand before and after procedures are done that involve the radial artery.

Femoral

- If there is a patient in shock or cardiac arrest to measure the pulse in this patient's body.

Popliteal

- Nurses use this pulse site to help determine if there is blockage or damage to the arteries in the legs of a patient.

Posterior Tibia

- Nurses use this site when they use a femoral artery to insert a heart catheter to check for a pulse.

Dorsalis pedis

- This site is used to check pulse when a nurse is checking for peripheral artery disease.