

1. Temporal Pulse: This pulse site is used during a head to toe assessment.
2. Carotid Pulse: This pulse site is normally used when someone is found unconscious to see if their heart is beating or in need of CPR.
3. Apical Pulse: This pulse site should be used when a patient has a diagnosed heart condition or are on heart/blood pressure medications because it gives the most accurate pulse.
4. Brachial Pulse: This pulse site is used when listening for the systolic and diastolic sounds during blood pressure checks.
5. Radial Pulse: This pulse site is used in a general assessment of a patient's heart rate because it is easily assessable.
6. Ulnar Pulse: This pulse site can be used to check if blood flow is getting to the hand.
7. Femoral Pulse: This pulse site is used when patients are experiencing septic shock.
8. Popliteal Pulse: This site is used to check for blood flow to the lower leg when a patient is experiencing peripheral artery disease.
9. Posterior Tibial Pulse: This pulse site is used to ensure there are no circulatory issues such as deep vein thrombosis.
10. Dorsalis Pedis Pulse: This pulse site should be used to check if blood flow and circulation is getting to the foot.