



Temporal- This pulse may be used to assess pulse in children.

Carotid- This site is one of the quickest ways to assess an ADULT patient's pulse in an emergency. (Only Check- Onside at a time to prevent stimulating the vagus nerve.)

Apical- This site is the point of maximal impulse. Assessed during head-to-toe assessment and before the administration of certain medications. Used to auscultate for apical pulse.

Brachial- This site is used to measure blood pressure. Used during infant CPR.

Radial- Used to assess character of pulse peripherally. Assesses status of hand circulation.

Ulnar- Used to perform Allen Test.

Femoral- This artery provides circulation to leg. This would be assessed if there was a circulation concern.

Popliteal- Auscultate lower extremity blood pressure. Assess circulation to lower leg.

Posterior Tibial- Assess circulation to foot.

Dorsalis Pedis- Assess circulation to foot.