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WK# 2 Vital Signs Assignment

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Temporal pulse site is used to easily assess the pulse of a child above 3 years old to 8 years old.

Carotid pulse site is used to assess peripheral pulses during a cardiac emergency or physiological shock event when other sites are not easily assessable or palatable.

Brachial pulses are used to auscultate upper extremity blood pressure and assess the circulation status of the lower arm.

Apical pulses are used to auscultate apical pulses in infants and children up to age 3 years old.

Radial pulses are used to assess peripheral pulses and circulation to the hand.

Ulnar pulses are used to perform Allen's test for arterial blood flow to the hand.

Femoral pulses are used to assess the status of pulses during a cardiac event or physiologic shock issue with patient when there are no palpable pulses in other pulse sites.

Popliteal pulses are used to assess lower extremity blood pressure and circulation to the lower leg.

Posterior tibia pulses are used to assess the circulation of the feet.

Dorsalis pedis is also another site that you can use to assess circulation of the feet.