

Week 2: Online Vital Signs Assignment

1. **Temporal:** I may choose this site for pulse assessment because it is easy to access without position change and it is comfortable with no risk of injury to the patient or me, the nurse. It also is an easily accessible site to assess the pulse in children.
2. **Carotid:** I may choose this site for pulse assessment because it is easily accessible during physiological shock, cardiac arrest, or when other sites are not palpable.
3. **Brachial:** I may choose this site for pulse assessment because I can assess the status of circulation to the lower arm and to auscultate blood pressure. This site is best for infants or young children because other sites are deep and difficult to palpate accurately.
4. **Apical:** I may choose this site for pulse assessment because it can allow me to listen to the patients' heart rate directly and listen as it pumps. This site is best for infants or young children because other sites are deep and difficult to palpate accurately.
5. **Radial:** I may choose this site for pulse assessment because I can assess circulation to the hand.
6. **Ulnar:** I may choose this site for pulse assessment because I can assess the status of circulation to the hand. I can also use this site for pulse assessment to perform an Allen's Test.
7. **Femoral:** I may choose this site for pulse assessment because I can assess the character of pulse during physiological shock or cardiac arrest when other pulses are not palpable, as well as assess the status of circulation to the leg.
8. **Popliteal:** I may choose this site for pulse assessment because I can assess the status of circulation to the lower leg.
9. **Dorsalis pedis:** I may choose this site for pulse assessment because I can assess the status of circulation to the foot.
10. **Posterior Tibial:** I may choose this site for pulse assessment because I can assess the status of circulation to the foot.