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Vital Signs Online Assignment

1. **For each pulse site on the above image, list one reason why you as an RN may choose to use this site for pulse assessment.**
 - a. Temporal- easily accessible site to use for assessment in children
 - b. Carotid- easily accessible site used during physiological shock, cardiac arrest, or when other sites are not accessible
 - c. Apical- site used to auscultate for apical pulse
 - d. Brachial- site used to assess status of circulation of lower arm and to auscultate blood pressure
 - e. Radial- common site used to assess character of pulse peripherally and status of circulation to hand
 - f. Ulnar- site used to assess status of circulation to hand; also used to perform an Allen's test
 - g. Femoral- used to assess pulse during physiological shock or cardiac arrest when other pulses are not palpable; used to assess status of circulation to the leg
 - h. Popliteal- used to assess status of circulation to lower leg
 - i. Posterior tibial- site is used to assess status of circulation to foot
 - j. Dorsalis pedis- site used to assess status of circulation to foot