

Week 2 Online Vital Signs Assignment

1. As an RN, I would choose to use the temporal pulse site for the assessment of infants as it provides an easily available site on a tiny newborn.
2. As an RN, I would choose to use the carotid pulse site for assessment during an emergency like cardiac arrest for an easily available site that is already exposed.
3. As an RN, I would choose to use the apical pulse site for assessment because it is closest in proximity to the heart which gives the most accurate measure of the patient's heartbeat.
4. As an RN, I would choose to use the brachial pulse site for the assessment of proper blood circulation to the upper extremities (arms). Also, this pulse site would be used during manual blood pressure measurements.
5. As an RN, I would choose to use the radial pulse site for assessment because it is the easiest position to access on a patient and is the most comfortable.
6. As an RN, I would choose to use the ulnar pulse site for a specific test called the Allen's test. This test assesses proper and adequate blood flow to the hand.
7. As an RN, I would choose to use the femoral pulse site for assessment of adequate blood flow to the lower extremities (legs), mostly in emergency accidents.
8. As an RN, I would choose to use the popliteal pulse site for assessment after surgeries or during emergencies for proper blood flow.
9. As an RN, I would choose to use the posterior tibial pulse site for assessment of blood circulation to the foot, possibly in a situation with a patient with diabetes in a case of diabetic foot.
10. As an RN, I would choose to use the dorsalis pedis pulse site for assessment of adequate blood flow to the foot.