

Edvance Vital Signs

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Why would you use the following locations to find or check a pulse?

Temporal: Use this site for an easy to find children's heart rate

Carotid: Use this site when peripheral pulses are too weak and hard to palpate, quick finding, and for cardiac arrest.

Brachial: Use to check infants and children, to auscultate BP, and to check circulation.

Apical: Use when the radial pulse is abnormal, intermittent or inaccessible.

Radial: Most common way to check pulse rate.

Ulnar: Use to check circulation in the hand and for Allen's Test.

Femoral: Use this site during cardiac arrest, physiological shock, and to check the circulation of the leg.

Posterial Tibial: To check the circulation of the foot.

Dorsalis Pedis: To check the circulation of the foot.