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**Your assignment (to be completed and placed in the “Week 2: Online Vital Signs Assignment” dropbox on Edvance360 by 8/28/2025 at 0800) is as follows:**

-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. You can either give a generalized reason or a specific patient situation. Please put the pulse site and answer in a word document and include your name.

Temporal pulse: An RN would choose to use this site to take the pulse if she was working with a child, as it is easy to access.

Carotid pulse: This is an easily accessible place to take a pulse when other sites are not palpable, like when they are in cardiac arrest and the getting it on the apical pulse site would be in the way.

Apical pulse: This is a good site to use to take the pulse if you're having a hard time hearing it elsewhere, or in a low stakes setting (like your primary doctor's office).

Brachial pulse: You would do a pulse assessment on the brachial pulse site during a blood pressure reading.

Radial pulse: The radial pulse site is a good place to do a pulse assessment if you want to assess the character of the peripheral pulse and to also check circulation to the hand.

Ulnar pulse: You would do a pulse assessment on the ulnar pulse site if a patient were to have had open heart surgery and their radial artery was removed.

Femoral pulse: This pulse site is used when other pulse sites are not palpable, and also used for the assessing circulation to the legs.

Popliteal pulse: This pulse site is used to assess circulation to the lower leg.

Posterior tibial pulse: This site is used to assess circulation to the feet, and can also be used if for whatever reason the patients blood pressure must be taken on their leg instead of their arm.

Dorsalis pedis pulse: This site is used to assess circulation to the feet.