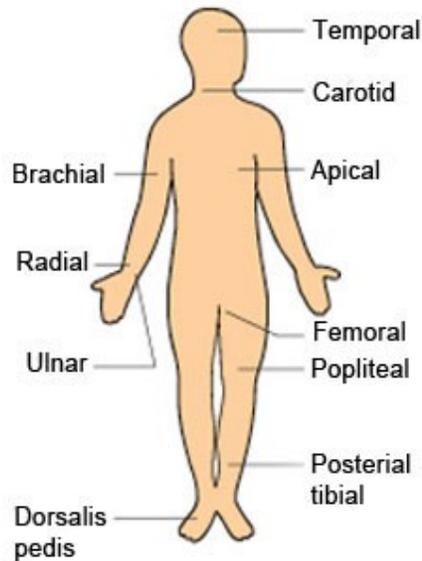


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Nursing Foundations: Vital Signs



"Pulse sites on the body"

For each pulse site, 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: To assess blood flow to the brain following a head trauma or LOC

Carotid: To assess during cardiac arrest to determine the need for CPR

Apical: To assess the heart rate and rhythm to determine any irregularities

Brachial: To assess the blood flow and circulation when measuring blood pressure

Radial: Easily accessible to assess the pulse

Ulnar: To assess blood flow to the hand, primarily to perform the Modified Allens Test.

Femoral: To assess blood flow to the lower extremities, and to evaluate for DVT and septic shock

Popliteal: To assess blood flow to the lower leg and foot

Posterior tibial: To assess blood flow after a lower leg injury

Dorsalis pedis: To assess circulation, to monitor perfusion after surgery, and ensuring proper function of a cast