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- As an RN, one reason why I may use the Temporal site for a pulse assessment may be that a patient may have head trauma.
- As an RN, I might use the Carotid artery for a pulse assessment because this site gives a very strong beat.
- The Radial pulse is a quick and easy way to check someone's pulse during an assessment, and it will help you identify distal circulation.
- The brachial pulse can be used during an assessment to check blood pressure.
- To find a more accurate sound of the hearts rhythm I may use the Apical site with a stethoscope during an assessment.
- If the Radial pulse is not palpable then the ulnar site can be used as back up during an assessment.
- As a nurse, I might use the Femoral pulse site during an assessment to check for lower extremity circulation or to possibly check the blood pressure on someone with no arms.
- If the Dorsalis pedis and the Posterior tibial are too weak then the Popliteal site will be used to find out if there is a blockage higher up causing poor blood flow.
- The Dorsalis pulse would be used to check for blood flow to the feet during an assessment.

- As an RN, I can use the Posterior Tibial site for a pulse assessment to check for any Vascular issues a patient may be unaware of or post procedure monitoring.