

Policy & Procedure Manual

PULSE – R-VI-5

POLICY:

Pulse shall be noted and recorded on admission and when deemed necessary when there is a significant change in a person's condition.

PURPOSE:

To assist in evaluating a person's condition when monitoring vital signs.

PROCEDURE:

- * If temperature is to be taken, check pulse rate first
- ** Chosen areas – radial (wrist), temple, neck – see Appendix A
- 1. Explain procedure to person in a reassuring manner.
- 2. Find pulse in chosen area.
- 3. Count pulsations for 30 seconds and double that number.
- 4. Chart rate in person's daily notes, noting quality, regularity and activity during assessment.

APPENDICES: 1

OPERATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY: Administration, Community Services (all)

ORIGINAL POLICY DATE: April 1987

AUTHORIZED BY: Executive Director

SIGNATURE:





Cardiovascular

Arterial Supply - Anterior View

