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LECTURE 02

FUNDAMENTALS OF NURSING

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FUNDAMENTALS OF NURSING - VITAL SIGNS PULSE

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• Write short note on: Pulse or Define Pulse or What is Pulse?

Definition of Pulse:

The pulse is a wave of distension and elongation felt in an arterial wall due to the pressure changes during ventricular systole and diastole.

Questions:

• Give the normal value of pulse / Write normal ranges of pulse.

Normal Range of Pulse:

60-80/min (average 72/min) - at rest.

NOTE: The number of pulse (beats per minute) normally represents the heart rate.

Pulse:

- Radial
- Carotid
- Femoral
- Popliteal
- Posterior tibial
- Dorsalis pedis

Questions:

• What are the types of pulse?

Types of Pulse:

- 1. Arterial Pulse
- Systolic blood pressure
- Diastolic blood pressure
- Pulse pressure
- Mean arterial blood pressure
- 1. Venous Pulse

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Questions:

• List the points are to be noted during examination of radial pulse.

Points to be noted during examination of radial pulse:

- 1. Rate
- 2. Rhythm
- 3. Character
- 4. Volume
- 5. Condition of Blood vessel wall
- 6. Delayed pulse.

Radial Pulse:

The radial pulse is palpated over the thumbside of wrist between the tendons of brachioradialis and flexor carpi radials muscles on the radial artery.

