Significance of pulse detection

- 1-Determination of heart rate and rhythm
- 2-Give idea about vessel wall example loss of elasticity in atherosclerosis
- 3-Gives an idea about amount of variation of the contained blood

Arterial pulsation may be examined in:

Radial- Brachial-femoral-posterior tibial and dorsalis pedis artery

Tachycardia: occurs in : Emotion ,exercise ,fever and atrial fibrillation

Bradycardia occurs in heart block

Systolic blood pressure: is the pressure in the arteries at the peak of ventricular ejection Average: 120

Diastolic blood pressure: is the pressure in the arteries when the heart rests between beats

- 1- Hypertension :if the systolic pressure>140 mmHg or the diastolic pressure>90 mmHg
- 2- Hypotension: If the systolic pressure<90 mmHg or the diastolic pressure<60 mmHg

During measurement of blood pressure the cuff inflatable area is wrapped on the medial surface of the arm over the brachial artery