Lippincott Procedures

Preview Procedure

Temperature Parameters

Introduction

axillary temperature - (normal range is 35.6 to 37.2° C or 96 to 99° F)

- is 1° lower than oral and tympanic membrane temperature
- is 2° lower than rectal temperature
- neonatal axillary temperature (normal range is 36.5 to 37.5° C or 97.7 to 99.3° F)

oral temperature - (normal range is 36.1 to 37.8°C or 97 to 100°F)

- is 1° lower than rectal temperature
- is 1° higher than axillary temperature
- is similar to tympanic membrane temperature

rectal temperature - (normal range is 36.7 to 38° C or 98 to 100.4° F)

- is 1° higher than oral and tympanic membrane temperature
- is 2° higher than axillary temperature

tympanic membrane temperature - (normal range is 36.1 to 38° C or 97 to 100.4° F)

- is 1° lower than rectal temperature
- is 1° higher than axillary temperature
- is similar to oral temperature

core temperature - (normal range is 36.5 to 37.5° C or 97.7 to 99.5° F)

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