3.5: Finding the Error Activity- Infant Apical Pulse – Answer

As per Figure 3.11, an incorrect technique is being demonstrated because the stethoscope is placed on the incorrect side of the chest. The correct technique (Figure 3.12) to auscultate the apical pulse of an infant is to place the stethoscope at the left midclavicular line in the fourth intercostal space.

Incorrect placement of stethoscope

Figure 3.11: Incorrect placement of stethoscope
Correct placement of stethoscope

While taking the apical pulse of an infant, place the stethoscope at the fourth intercostal space at the left mid-clavicular line.

Figure 3.12: Correct placement of stethoscope