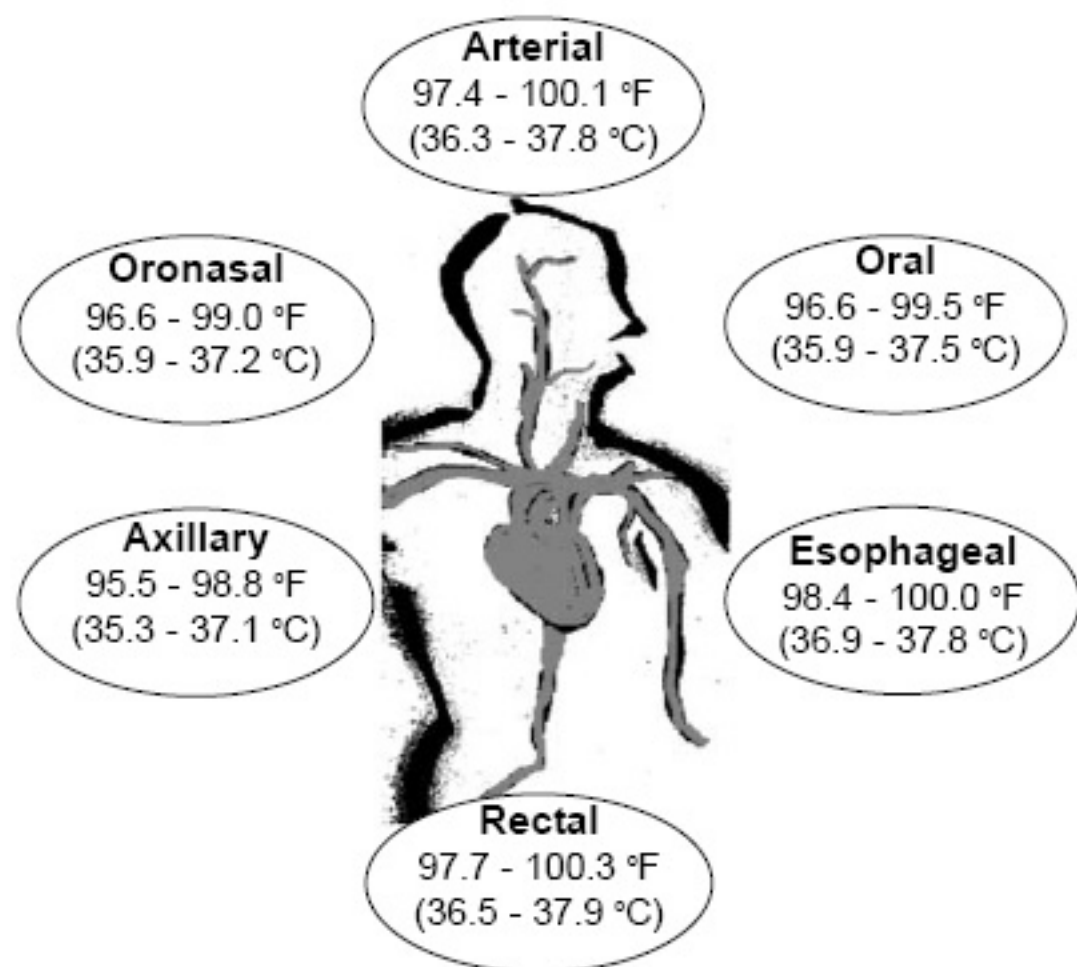


The following chart presents the mean normal temperature at the common temperature measurement sites under normal resting conditions.



### **Normal Body Temperature (BT)**

Normal BT is not a single temperature, but a range of temperatures influenced by age, time of day, and the measurement site.

### **General Rule of Thumb**

On a stable, resting patient, rectal temperature is 2°F (1°C) higher than axillary and 1°F (0.5°C) higher than oral temperature.<sup>1</sup>

On a stable, resting patient, arterial temperature – rectal temperature.

### **Expect the Differences**

Arterial temperature measurement (PA Catheter, TA Thermometry) leads all other methods in identifying fever or defervescence, unaffected by activities of daily living. It will sometimes be different from your present methods – *but accurate*.