





Using a wrist cuff to measure blood pressure*





Correct forearm position

for wrist blood pressure measurement

- 1. Apply the wrist device
- 2. Keep elbow on table or desk with forearm bent
- 3. Place the wrist at heart level
- 4. Keep arm relaxed and hand resting against your body
- 5. Measure wrist blood pressure without moving arm from seated position

Incorrect forearm position²



Wrist higher than heart level



Forearm in horizontal position



Forearm vertical and close to the body

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