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The Celsius scale ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) is used for temperature measurement rather than the base SI unit for temperature, the kelvin (K), which has little application in medicine. Although both kelvin and Celsius scales have the same interval value for temperature differences, they differ in their absolute values. For example, a temperature of 273.15 K is equal to 0°C . Temperature values generally are reported in degrees Celsius, and values given in degrees Fahrenheit ($^{\circ}\text{F}$) are converted to degrees Celsius ($^{\circ}\text{C}$). $(^{\circ}\text{F} - 32)(0.556) = ^{\circ}\text{C}$ |