Wong-Baker FACES Pain Rating Scale

No Hurt  Hurts Little Bit  Hurts Little More  Hurts Even More  Hurts Whole Lot  Hurts Worst

Explain to the person that each face is for a person who feels happy because he has no pain (hurt) or sad because he has some or a lot of pain. Face 0 is very happy because he doesn’t hurt at all. Face 1 hurts just a little bit. Face 2 hurts a little more. Face 3 hurts even more. Face 4 hurts a whole lot. Face 5 hurts as much as you can image, although you don’t have to be crying to feel this bad. Ask the person to choose the face that best describes how he is feeling.

Rating scale is recommended for persons age 3 years and older.

**Brief word instructions:** Point to each face using the words to describe the pain intensity. Ask the child to choose face that best describes own pain and record the appropriate number.
0–10 Numeric Pain Rating Scale

No pain  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10  Worst possible pain

Moderate pain
Visual Analog Scale

No pain

Worst possible pain
Verbal Pain Intensity Scale

No pain    Mild pain    Moderate pain    Severe pain    Very severe pain    Worst possible pain