

## PR05 Pain Rating Scale

In assessing any patient complaining of pain, utilize the **Wong-Baker FACES Pain Rating Scale** as shown below. This is extremely useful in the pediatric population, as well as any patient that there may be a communication barrier.

Wong-Baker FACES Pain Rating Scale



**Brief Instructions:** Point to each face using the words to describe pain intensity. Ask the patient to choose face that best describes own pain and document the appropriate number on your PPCR.

**Original instructions:** 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 0-1** is very happy because he doesn't hurt at all. **Face 2-3** hurts just a little bit. **Face 4-5** hurts a little more. **Face 6-7** hurts even more. **Face 8-9** hurts a whole lot. **Face 10** hurts more than you can imagine, although you don't have to be crying to feel this bad. Ask the person to choose which face that best describes how he is feeling.

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