

INDICATION

Assesses pain in intubated patients

INTERPRETATION

SCORE	PAIN LEVEL
≤3	No pain
4-5	Mild pain
6-11	Unacceptable pain
≥12	Maximum pain

For scores ≥6 consider sedation and/or analgesia.

CALCULATION

Total score = sum of scores for each question

Facial expression	Relaxed	+1
	Partially tightened (e.g. brow lowering)	+2
	Fully tightened (e.g. eyelid closing)	+3
	Grimacing	+4
Upper limb movements	No movement	+1
	Partially bent	+2
	Fully bent with finger flexion	+3
	Permanently retracted	+4
Compliance with mechanical ventilation	Tolerating movement	+1
	Coughing but tolerating ventilation for most of the time	+2
	Fighting ventilator	+3
	Unable to control ventilation	+4