

INDICATION

Assesses pain in patients with advanced cognitive impairment who are unable to vocalise their symptoms

INTERPRETATION

SCORE	PAIN
≤2	No pain
3-7	Mild pain
8-13	Moderate pain
≥14	Severe pain

CALCULATION

Total score = sum of scores for each question

QUESTION		POINTS
Vocalisation whimpering or crying	Abesnt	0
	Mild	1
	Moderate	2
	Severe	3
Facial expression Tense, frowning, grimacing, frightened	Abesnt	0
	Mild	1
	Moderate	2
	Severe	3
Body language Fidgeting, rocking, guarding, withdrawn	Absent	0
	Mild	1
	Moderate	2
	Severe	3
Physiological changes Temp, pulse or BP elevations, diaphoresis, flushing/pallor	Absent	0
	Mild	1
	Moderate	2
	Severe	3