

## 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
<b>Vocalisation</b> whimpering or crying	Abesnt
	Mild
	Moderate
	Severe
<b>Facial expression</b> Tense, frowning, grimacing, frightened	Abesnt
	Mild
	Moderate
	Severe
<b>Body language</b> Fidgeting, rocking, guarding, withdrawn	Absent
	Mild
	Moderate
	Severe
<b>Physiological changes</b> Temp, pulse or BP elevations, diaphoresis, flushing/pallor	Absent
	Mild
	Moderate
	Severe