

INDICATION

A tool used to assess post-operative pain in paediatrics

INTERPRETATION

Consider analgesia for scores ≥ 3

CALCULATION

Total score = sum of scores for each question

QUESTION		POINTS
Facial expression	Neutral / Positive facial expression: composed / calm	+0
	Negative facial expression: concerned	+1
	Negative facial expression: grimace / distorted face	+2
Verbalisation	Normal conversation: laugh / crow	+0
	Completely quiet / sobbing and/or complaining but not because of pain	+1
	Crying / screaming and/or complaining about pain	+2
Body position	Inactive: laying / relaxed with all extremities or sitting / walking	+0
	Restless movements: shifting fashion and/or touching wound or wound area	+1
	Lying rigid and/or drawn up with arms and legs to the body	+2