

Faces Pain Scale – Revised (FPS-R)

In the following instructions, say "hurt" or "pain", whichever seems right for a particular child.

"These faces show how much something can hurt. This face [point to left-most face] shows no pain. The faces show more and more pain [point to each from left to right] up to this one [point to right-most face] - it shows very much pain. Point to the face that shows how much you hurt [right now]."

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(fold along dotted line)

10

8

6

4

2

0



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Covering instructions

The faces must be in black line on white background, with no colour and no shading added. The preferred length (for the whole line of six faces) is 20cm (8in) and the minimum length is 50% of that, to ensure that the facial features are large enough to be distinguished.

Scoring

Score the chosen face **0, 2, 4, 6, 8, or 10**, counting left to right, so “0” = “no pain” and “10” = “very much pain”. Do not use words like “happy” and “sad”. This scale is intended to measure how children feel inside, not how their face looks.

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