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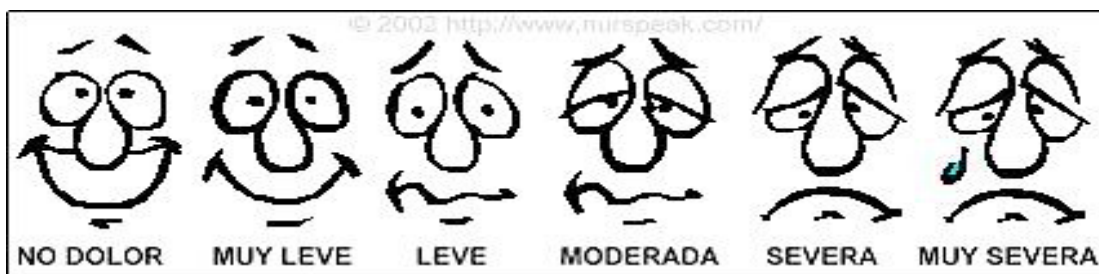
PAIN INTENSITY INSTRUMENTS
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Wong-Baker Faces Pain Rating Scale (page 1 of 1)

English



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Indications: Adults and children (> 3 years old) in all patient care settings.

Instructions:

1. Explain to the patient that each face is for a person who feels happy because he has no pain (hurt or, whatever word the patient uses) or feels sad because he has some or a lot of pain.
2. Point to the appropriate face and state, "This face is . . . "
 - 0 - 1 – "very happy because he doesn't hurt at all."
 - 2 - 3 – "hurts just a little bit."
 - 4 - 5 – "hurts a little more."
 - 6 - 7 – "hurts even more."
 - 8 - 9 – "hurts a whole lot."
 - 10 – "hurts as much as you can imagine, although you don't have to be crying to feel this bad."
3. Ask the patient to choose the face that best describes how he feels. Be specific about the pain location and at what time pain occurred (now or earlier during a procedure?).
4. The interdisciplinary team in collaboration with the patient/family (if appropriate), can determine appropriate interventions in response to Faces Pain Ratings.

Reference

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