

Faces Pain Scale - Revised (FPS-R) for children up to 4 years of age

Instructions for the child: "These faces show how much pain you can have. This face (*point to the one at the left*) shows that you don't have pain at all. These faces (*point one by one to the faces from the left to the right*) show somebody who has more pain and then this one (*point to the one at the right*) is very, very much in pain. Can you show me the face that shows how much pain you have now?"

Scores are from the left to the right (for the child): 0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 (0 for no pain at all and 10 for very, very much in pain).

Remarks: Explain clearly the extremes "no pain at all" and "very, very much in pain". Do not use the words "sad" and "happy". Be explicit that the child has to indicate how he or she feels internally, not what his or her face looks like: "Show me how you feel."

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