

# PAIN ASSESSMENT ACROSS THE LIFESPAN

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# LEARNING OBJECTIVES

**At the conclusion of this program attendees will:**

Identify at least three manifestations of pain that can impact life satisfaction and successful engagement in valued roles.

Identify at least three pain assessments appropriate to be used by a health professional.

Identify at least three treatment methods that can be used to prepare a patient to be able to engage in purposeful and/or occupational tasks.

# LET'S UNDERSTAND THE STATISTICS

Half of all hospitalized patients pain in their last days of their lives (Tristani and Lafrenz, 2017).

Estimated that 20% of adults report that pain or physical discomfort disrupts their sleep a few nights or more per week (Tristani and Lafrenz, 2017).

Medication overdose deaths has quadrupled.

Adverse drug reactions and drug effects leads to increased admissions to emergency room and hospital.

According to DeNoon (2011), opioid prescription overdose is the leading cause of death related to drug overdose, killing more individuals than overdoses in heroin and cocaine combined.

# COST OF PAIN

Annual cost of pain as of 2010 in the U.S. ranges from \$560 to \$635 billion (Gaskin and Richards, 2012).

Medical costs

Disability days

Lost wages

Reduced productivity



# PREVALENCE OF CHRONIC PAIN

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Cancer (11.9 million)

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Diabetes (25.8 million)

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Chronic Pain (100 million)

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Stroke (7 million)

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Coronary Heart Disease (16.3 million)

# WHAT IS THE U.S. DOING?

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Institute of Medicine (2011) created a report titled *Relieving Pain in America: A Blueprint for Transforming Prevention, Care, Education, and Research*.

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US Department of Health and Human Services then developed a follow up plan titled the National Pain Strategy (NPS). NPS recommends to address barriers to all modalities for treating pain and reducing the stigma around pain.

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# MANDATING EDUCATION

# CHILDREN & MULTI-MODAL TREATMENTS

Medication & non-pharmacological modalities such as biofeedback, massage, aromatherapy, bubble blowing

Cognitive behavioral techniques



# DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH TO PAIN ASSESSMENT

Toddlers – quiet, inactive or become overactive; parents report not acting normal; can become acted out in aggressive outbursts

School-age children – more accurate in communicating pain; by 8 years can reliably describe location of pain; Symptom scales and self-report tools appropriate; older than 8 can use the concept of Numerical Rating Scale; also Pain diaries helpful at this age

or	1 Very Mild	Very light barely noticeable pain at the time you never think about
	2 Discomforting	Minor pain, like lightly pinching thumb and first finger with the thumb. Note that people react differently
	3 Tolerable	Very noticeable pain, like an ache causing a bloody nose, or doctor's pain is not so strong that you cannot think of the time you <i>don't notice the pain</i>
rate	4 Distressing	Strong, deep pain, like an average from a bee sting, or minor trauma strong you <i>notice the pain all the time</i> . This pain level can be similar to skin between the thumb and first finger and squeezing real hard. Note that initially piercing but becomes dull
	5 Very Distressing	Strong, deep, piercing pain, such as stand on it wrong, or mild back pain all the time, you are <i>now so</i> that your normal lifestyle is currently your personality.
	6 Intense	Strong, deep, piercing pain such as a bad back pain. So strong it affects your senses, causing you to think about it. point, if <i>affects work performance and social relationships</i> .
re	7 Very Intense	Same as 6 except the pain comes so you <i>can no longer think clearly</i> at the point you are <i>effectively disabled alone</i> . <b>Comparable to a severe</b>
	8 Excruciating	Pain so intense you <i>can no longer look after yourself</i> , and have of personality change if the pain has. <b>Comparable to childbirth or a</b>
	9 Unbearable	Pain so intense you cannot tolerate relief, no matter what the side effects. <i>go to the hospital emergency. C</i>
	10 Unimaginable	Pain so intense you will go unconscious. have never experienced this level of pain. suffered a severe accident, and



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Complex sensory,  
emotional and  
behavioral experience.  
It is an actual or  
perceived threat to  
tissue damage.

Subjective

It is -- multi-dimensional

# WHAT IS PAIN?

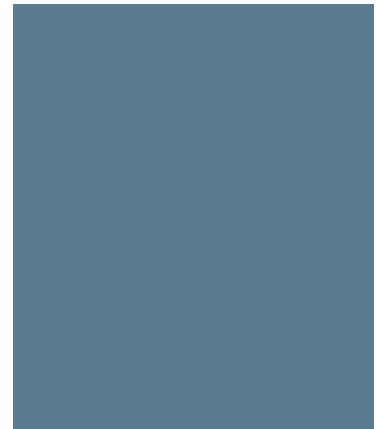
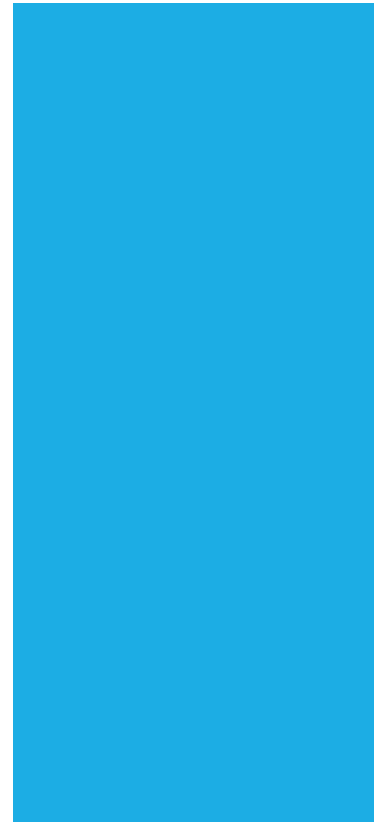
# DEFINITION OF PAIN

What is pain?

Components of pain

What influences pain?

How is pain communicated?



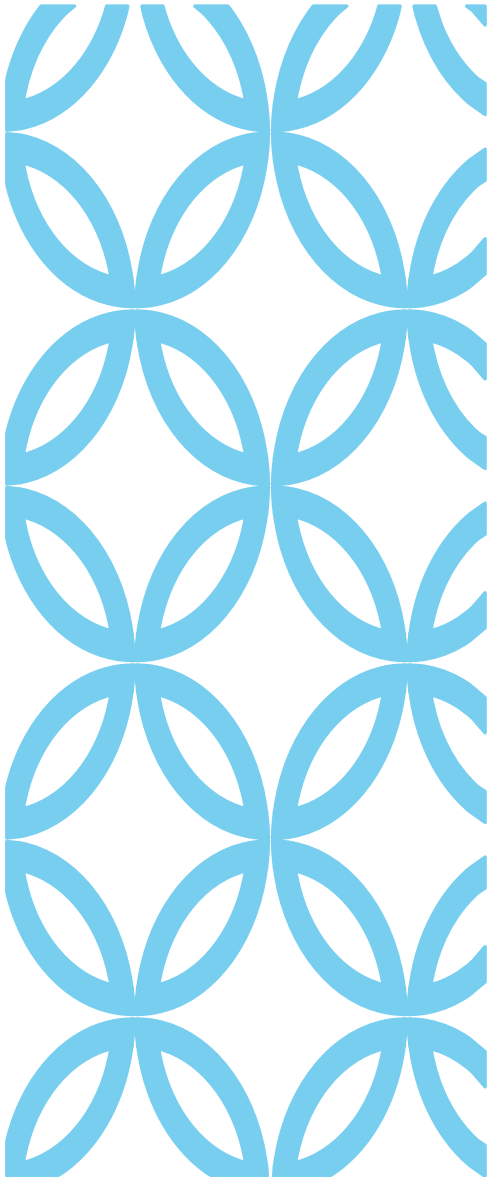
# COMPONENTS OF PAIN

Emotional: fear, anxiety, depression, anger

Cognitive: values, meaning, culture, expectation

Behavioral: coping style, problem solving, support seeking or isolation, avoid, escape, pray/hope

Physical: Actual physical sensory experience



Multiple medication use

Falls

Dysfunction in occupational performance

Cognitive Impairment

Disorientation, ability/inability to perform executive functioning abilities

Social withdrawal/depression/suicide

Sleep/appetite disturbances

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## PAIN CONSEQUENCES

Pain is a normal part of aging.

All pain medications are addictive.

If you don't complain you don't have pain.

No pain no gain.

I just must live with it.

Treatment will be painful.



## COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS

# PAIN

## PHYSIOLOGY OF PAIN

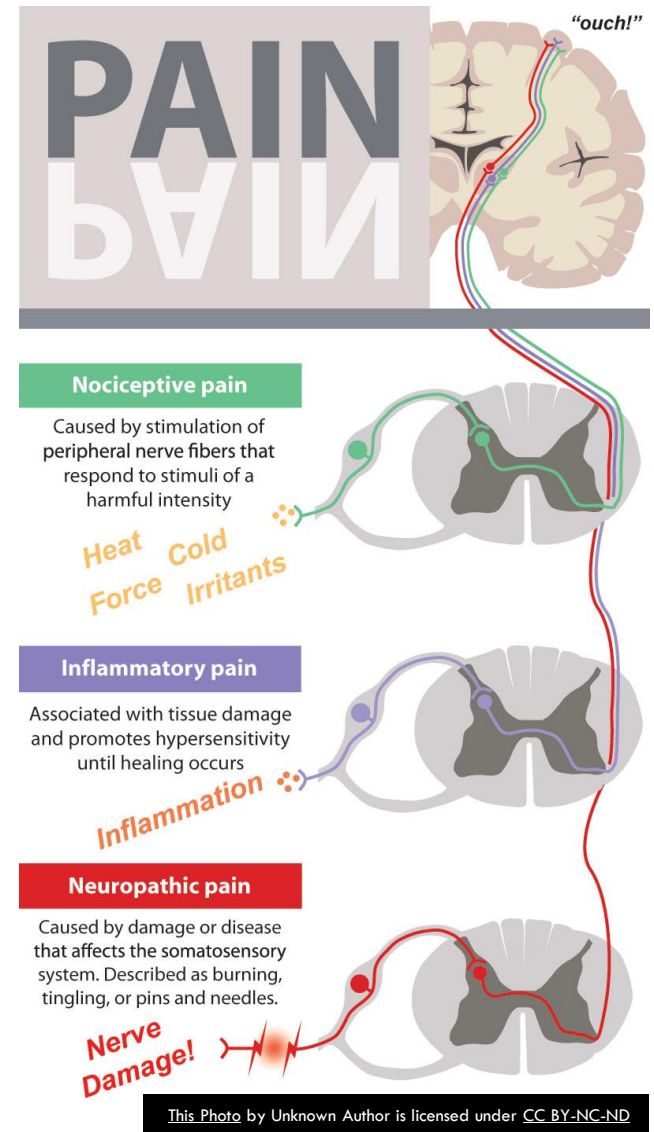
### Peripheral Nerves

- Nociceptors -receptors that detect actual or potential tissue damage– mechanism for “feeling” pain
- Dense in critical areas – tongue, fingertips, genitals, skin, muscles, tendons

### Neurotransmitters

- Chemicals that transmit messages from one nerve to another

### Ascending and Descending Pathways



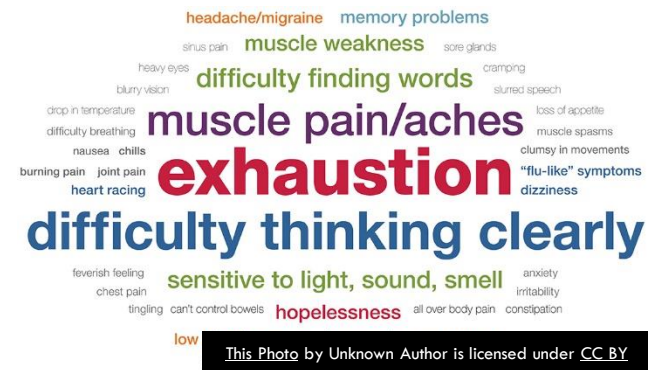
# FACTORS IMPACTING PAIN

Gender – research shows women have higher sensitivity to pain than men, sex-linked genetic traits or hormonal factors

Age – with age the brain circuitry degenerates, therefore older adults have lower pain thresholds

Memory – our experience with pain, influences neural responses

Fatigue – when body is stressed due to lack of sleep one can experience more pain



# PAINFUL CLINICAL CONDITIONS

Cancer

Degenerative diseases: OA, Osteoporosis

Fibromyalgia

Inflammatory diseases: RA

Peripheral Neuropathy

Neurogenic Pain

Central Pain Syndrome: TBI, CVA, MS

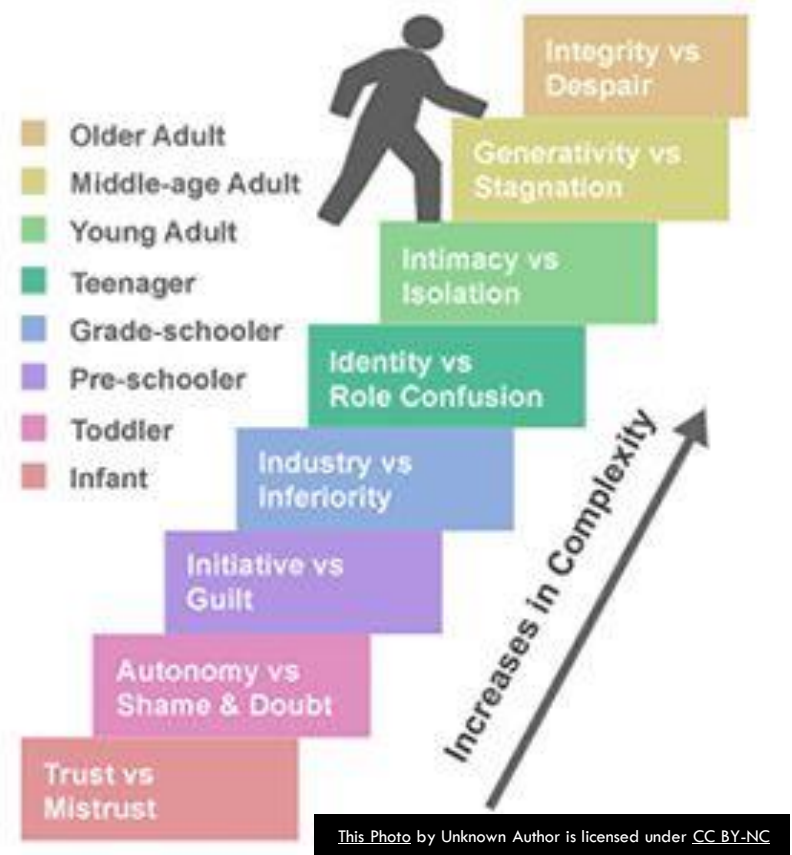
Trigeminal Neuralgia

Post surgical pain

Back pain (acute and chronic)

Healing fracture

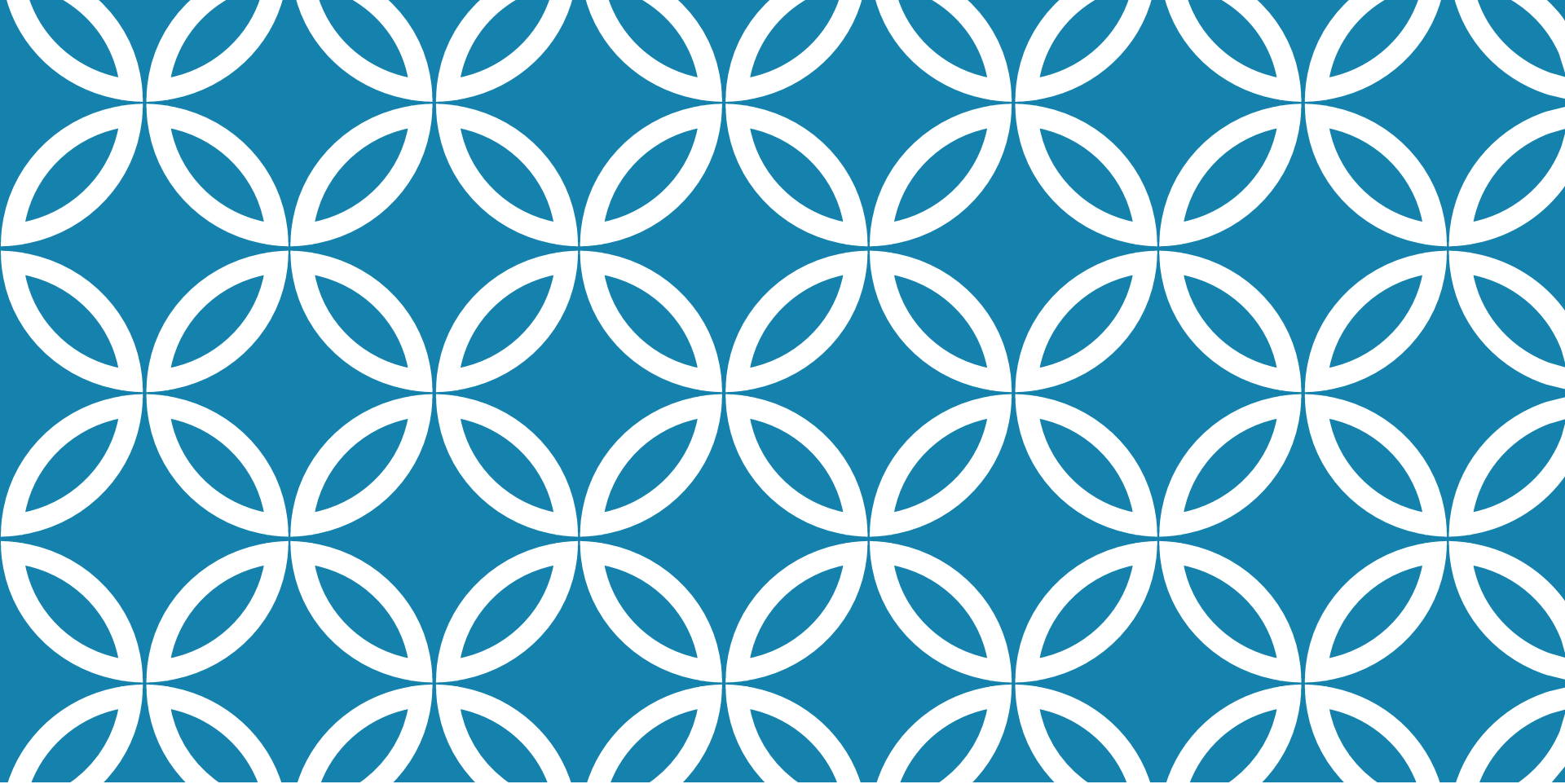
# ACROSS THE LIFESPAN



# PEDIATRICS AND GERIATRICS



While not having a lot of great similarities physiologically, share the common thread of under-medication for pain.



# TYPES OF PAIN

Acute  
Chronic

# ACUTE PAIN

Sudden onset

Usually brief

Pain subsides as healing occurs

IF left untreated can lead to chronic pain

Classified as lasting 1-4 days

- Vascular changes
- Exudation of cells and chemicals
- Clot formation
- Phagocytosis – absorbing of necrotic cells
- Clinical signs: inflammation (swelling, heat, redness) Pain before tissue resistance (guarding) Loss of function – mobility, strength, sensation

# CHRONIC PAIN

Persistent

Weeks, months, and years – anything greater than 4 weeks of normal healing time of diagnosis is characterized as chronic.

Intensity can range from mild to severe

Often results in multiple medication use

Can be associated with psychosocial and physical conditions

# CHRONIC DISEASE MANAGEMENT REQUIRES INTERPROFESSIONAL COLLABORATION

## Integrative Pain Management

Wide range of interprofessional techniques are important to introduce to persons with pain as they can become resistant to conventional medical treatment.

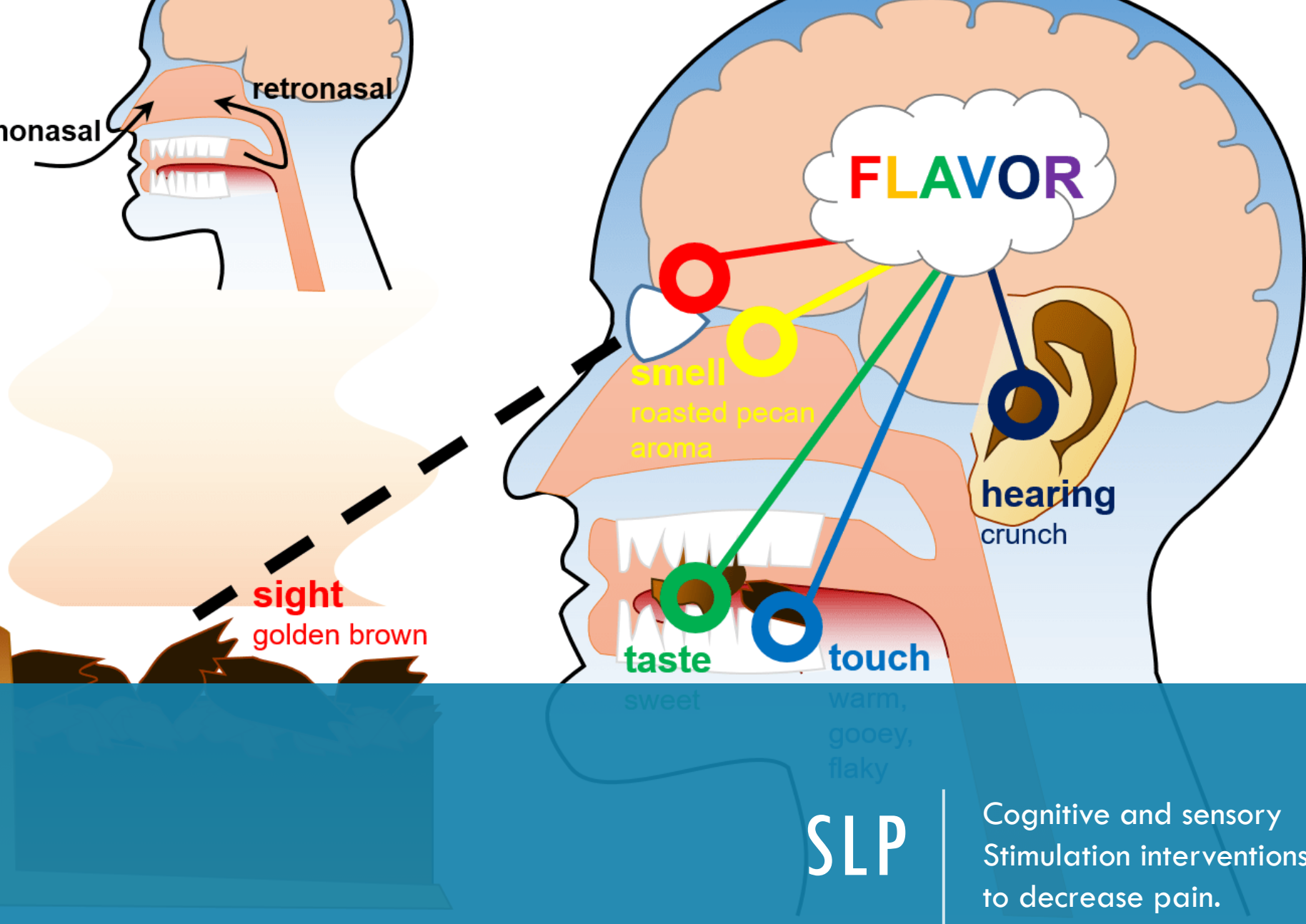
Patient-centered care addressing not just the physical aspects of pain but also the emotional, mental, spiritual, social, and environmental influences.

SLP looks at non-verbal communication and non-verbal signs and symptoms indicative of pain.

Often the first health professional to identify/report is SLP.

Teach the use of alternative communication to report pain.

## ROLE OF SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST — PAIN ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT



# RESOURCE FROM AOTA

POSITION STATEMENT

## Role of Occupational Therapy in Pain Management

**T**he American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) asserts that occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants, collectively referred to as *occupational therapy practitioners* (AOTA, 2020b), are distinctly prepared to work independently and to contribute to interprofessional teams in the treatment of pain. Occupational therapy practitioners work to ensure active engagement in meaningful occupations for “persons, groups, or populations (i.e., the client)” (AOTA, 2020b, p. 1) at risk for and affected by pain.



## RE-TRAIN YOUR BRAIN

Pain is 100% in the brain

Learn to calm nervous  
system

Retrain the brain

# EVALUATION



A DETAILED EVALUATION IS CRITICAL TO IDENTIFYING THE UNDERLYING CAUSE OF THE PAIN AND ESTABLISHING THE PLAN OF CARE



IMPLIES DATA COLLECTION, INTERPRETATION AND SYNTHESIS OF THE INFORMATION TO CREATE A TREATMENT PLAN

# EVALUATION

Type of Pain: bone, vascular,  
nerve, muscle

Joint movement

Circulatory problems

Deformity – scoliosis/kyphosis

Body symmetrics

# TYPE OF PAIN:

## Nerve

- Nerve: manifests in sharp, burning, tingling – follows nerve distribution patterns

## Bone

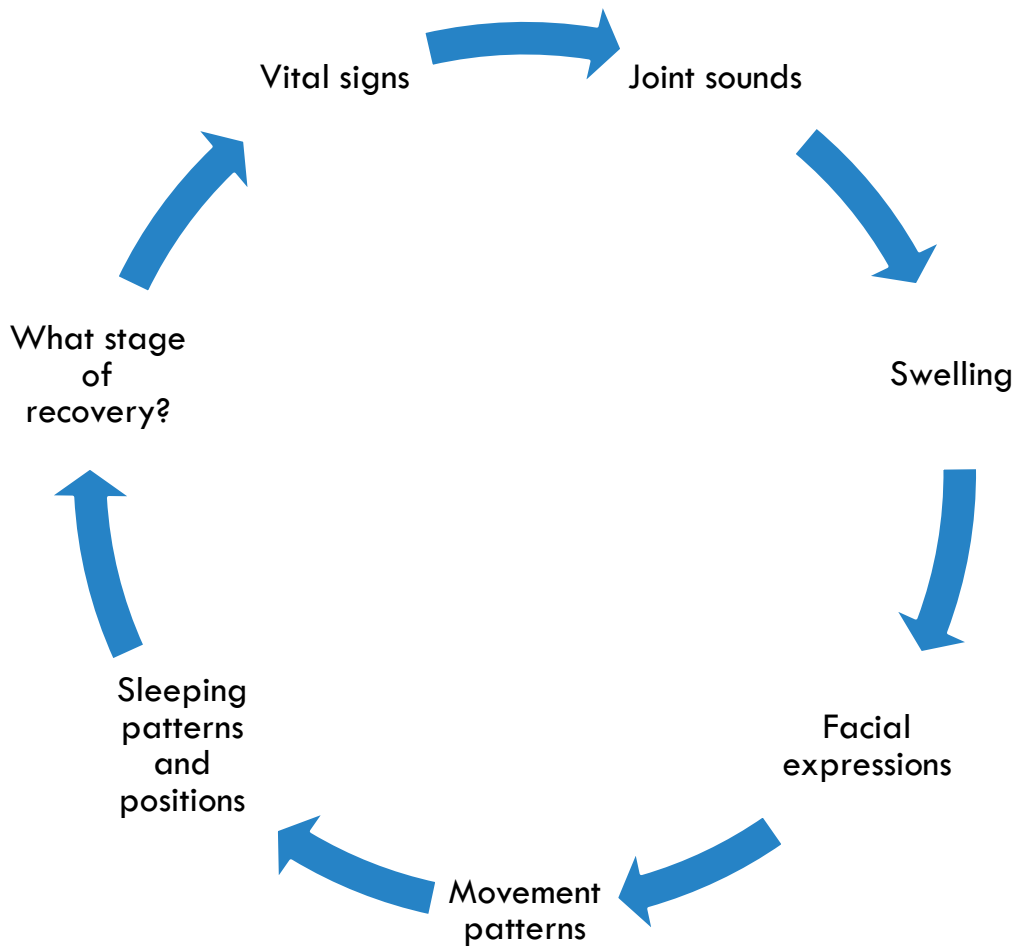
- Bone: deep boring and localized

## Diffuse

- Vascular: diffuse, aching, poorly localized, referred to other parts of body (blood clot)

## Muscle

- Muscle pain: dull, aching, aggravated by injury



**EVALUATION  
CONTINUED:**

## Pain associated w/ rest or activity, postures and time of day

- Pain w/ activity, decreased w/ rest
- Mechanical obstruction with movement – adhesion?
- Morning pain that decreases w/ activity
- Congestion of the joint, edema

EVALUATION: CONTINUED

# INTERVIEW



ASK PATIENT IF THEY HAVE  
PAIN



NOTE IF THEY ARE RELUCTANT  
TO DISCUSS PAIN

# AMERICAN PAIN FOUNDATION TARGET ACRONYM

Original Article

## **The American Pain Foundation *TARGET* *Chronic Pain* Initiative**

*Better Patient/Clinician Communication to Improve Pain Management*

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# TARGET

T = Talk to your patients about pain

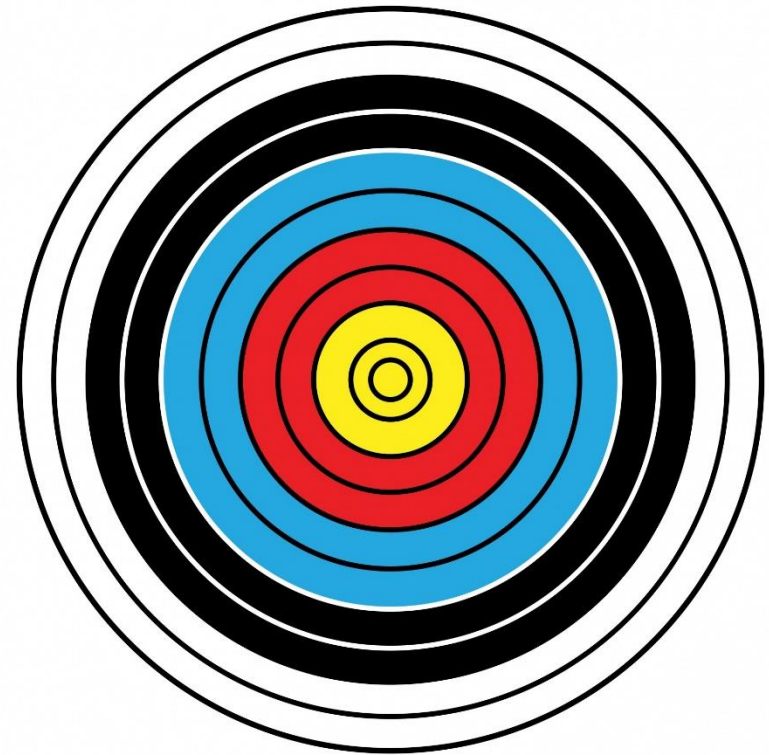
A = Ask about current treatments

R = Rate pain intensity and get details

G = Get details

E = Evaluation limitations

T = Treat side effects



# QUANTIFY/QUALIFY

## Quantify

- Establish baseline for comparison

## Qualify

- Help localize pain producing structure(s)
- Intermittent or constant
- Central or distal
- Bilateral, 1 joint or multiple joints

# ASSESSMENT TOOLS

Wong Baker  
FACES Pain  
Scale – Revised

Numerical  
Rating Scale

Verbal  
Descriptor Scale

FLACC

Discomfort Scale  
– Dementia  
Alzheimer Type


PAINAD

Comfort Scale  
for Pain  
Assessment

# PAIN IS THE FIFTH VITAL SIGN

Impacts other vital signs.

A person with chronic pain can experience increased blood pressure, temperature, and pulse.

Vital Signs	
1st	Body Temperature
2nd	Pulse
3rd	Respiratory Rate
4th	Blood Pressure
5th	

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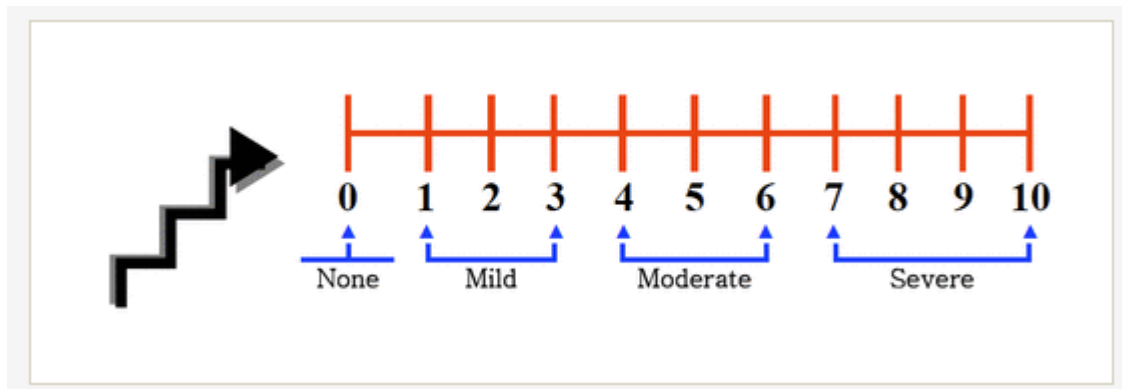
# WONG BAKER FACES

Wong-Baker FACES Pain Rating Scale



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# NUMERICAL RATING SCALE



# VERBAL DESCRIPTOR SCALE

Instructions: Please place a check mark next to the phrase that best describes the current level of your pain.

\_\_\_\_\_ No Pain

\_\_\_\_\_ Mild Pain

\_\_\_\_\_ Moderate Pain

\_\_\_\_\_ Severe Pain

\_\_\_\_\_ Very Severe, Horrible Pain

# PATIENTS WITH COMMUNICATION ISSUES

Look for signs of distress

Exit seeking

Agitation/crying

Aggressive behavior

Withdrawal

Catastrophic reactions

Sleep changes

Appetite and/or weight loss

Changes in bowel and bladder habits

# COMFORT SCALE

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH  
WARREN GRANT MAGNUSON CLINICAL CENTER

PAIN INTENSITY INSTRUMENTS  
JULY 2003

COMFORT Scale (page 1 of 2)

	DATE/TIME						
<b>ALERTNESS</b>	1 - Deeply asleep 2 - Lightly asleep 3 - Drowsy 4 - Fully awake and alert 5 - Hyper alert						
<b>CALMNESS</b>	1 - Calm 2 - Slightly anxious 3 - Anxious 4 - Very anxious 5 - Panicky						
<b>RESPIRATORY DISTRESS</b>	1 - No coughing and no spontaneous respiration 2 - Spontaneous respiration with little or no response to ventilation 3 - Occasional cough or resistance to ventilation 4 - Actively breathes against ventilator or coughs regularly 5 - Fights ventilator, coughing or choking						
<b>CRYING</b>	1 - Quiet breathing, no crying 2 - Sobbing or gasping 3 - Moaning 4 - Crying 5 - Screaming						
<b>PHYSICAL MOVEMENT</b>	1 - No movement 2 - Occasional, slight movement 3 - Frequent, slight movements 4 - Vigorous movement 5 - Vigorous movements including torso and head						
<b>MUSCLE TONE</b>	1 - Muscles totally relaxed; no muscle tone 2 - Reduced muscle tone 3 - Normal muscle tone 4 - Increased muscle tone and flexion of fingers and toes 5 - Extreme muscle rigidity and flexion of fingers and toes						
<b>FACIAL TENSION</b>	1 - Facial muscles totally relaxed 2 - Facial muscle tone normal; no facial muscle tension evident 3 - Tension evident in some facial muscles 4 - Tension evident throughout facial muscles 5 - Facial muscles contorted and grimacing						
<b>BLOOD PRESSURE (MAP) BASELINE</b>	1 - Blood pressure below baseline 2 - Blood pressure consistently at baseline 3 - Infrequent elevations of 15% or more above baseline (1-3 during 2 minutes observation) 4 - Frequent elevations of 15% or more above baseline (> 3 during 2 minutes observation) 5 - Sustained elevations of 15% or more						
<b>HEART RATE BASELINE</b>	1 - Heart rate below baseline 2 - Heart rate consistently at baseline 3 - Infrequent elevations of 15% or more above baseline (1-3 during 2 minutes observation) 4 - Frequent elevations of 15% or more above baseline (> 3 during 2 minutes observation) 5 - Sustained elevations of 15% or more						
	<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>						

Instructions for use of the Comfort Scale on page 2 of 2

# FLACC

DATE/TIME						
<b>Face</b> 0 - No particular expression or smile 1 - Occasional grimace or frown, withdrawn, disinterested 2 - Frequent to constant quivering chin, clenched jaw						
<b>Legs</b> 0 - Normal position or relaxed 1 - Uneasy, restless, tense 2 - Kicking, or legs drawn up						
<b>Activity</b> 0 - Lying quietly, normal position, moves easily 1 - Squirming, shifting back and forth, tense 2 - Arched, rigid or jerking						
<b>Cry</b> 0 - No cry (awake or asleep) 1 - Moans or whimpers; occasional complaint 2 - Crying steadily, screams or sobs, frequent complaints						
<b>Consolability</b> 0 - Content, relaxed 1 - Reassured by occasional touching, hugging or being talked to, distractible 2 - Difficult to console or comfort						
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>						

# R-FLACC

## Assessing Children's Pain

r-FLACC (revised FLACC) Pain Rating Scale for children with developmental disability.



	0	1	2
<b>Face</b>	No expression or smile	Occasional grimace or frown, withdrawn, disinterested; appears sad or worried	Frequent to constant frown, clenched jaw, quivering chin; <i>distressed looking face</i> ; <i>expression of fright or panic</i> <i>Individualised behaviour described by family:</i>
<b>Legs</b>	Normal position or relaxed; usual muscle tone and motion to arms and legs	Uneasy, restless, tense; occasional tremors	Kicking, or legs drawn up; <i>marked increase in spasticity</i> ; <i>constant tremors or jerking</i> <i>Individualised behaviour described by family:</i>
<b>Activity</b>	Lying quietly, normal position, moves easily; regular rhythmic breaths (respiration)	Squirming, shifting back and forth, tense or guarded movements; mildly agitated (head back and forth, aggression); shallow, splinting breaths (respirations); occasional sighs	Arches, rigid, or jerking; <i>severe agitation</i> ; <i>head banging</i> ; <i>shivering (not rigors)</i> ; <i>breath holding</i> , <i>gasping</i> , or <i>sharp intake of breaths</i> ; <i>severe splinting</i> <i>Individualised behaviour described by family:</i>
<b>Cry</b>	No cry (awake or asleep)	Moans or whimpers, occasional complaint; occasional verbal outburst or grunt	Crying steadily, screams or sobs, frequent complaints; <i>repeated outbursts</i> ; <i>constant grunting</i> <i>Individualised behaviour described by family:</i>
<b>Consolability</b>	Content, relaxed	Reassured by occasional touching, hugging, or "talking to"; Can be distracted	Difficult to console or comfort; <i>pushing away caregiver</i> ; <i>resisting care or comfort measures</i> <i>Individualised behaviour described by family:</i>

The revised FLACC (Face, Legs, Activity, Cry, Consolability) is a behavioural pain assessment scale for use with children unable to self-report their level of pain due to developmental disabilities. Rate the child in each of the five measurement categories, add together, and document total pain score (0 – 10).

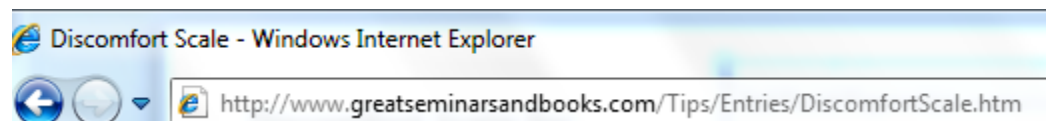
# DISCOMFORT SCALE FOR DEMENTIA OF THE ALZHEIMER'S TYPE (DS-DAT)

- Requires no verbal response
- Observation assessment tool
- Assist therapists in defining progress and improvement
- Tool reviews observations as well as frequency of behavior in a 5 minute period, Duration behavior and description of intensity (high/low)

- Observations include:
  - Noisy Breathing
  - Negative Vocalizations
  - Lack of Content of Facial Expressions
  - Sad Facial Expression
  - Frightened Facial Expression
  - Frown
  - Lack of Relaxed Body Language
  - Tense Body Language

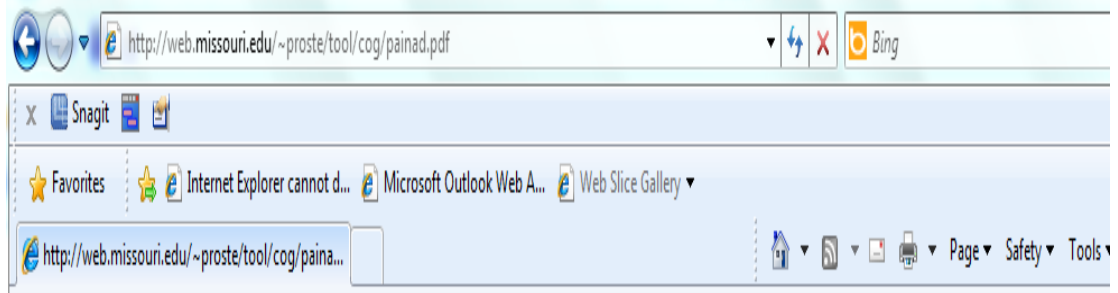
<b>Sad Facial Expression:</b> troubled look on face, looking hurt, worried, lost, or lonesome; distressed appearance, sunken, "hound dog" look with lackluster eyes; tears, crying.		
<b>Frightened Facial Expression:</b> scared, concerned looking face; looking bothered, fearful, or troubled; alarmed appearance with open eyes and pleading face.		
<b>Frown:</b> face looks strained; stern or scowling look, displeased expression with wrinkled brow and creases in the forehead; corners of the mouth turned down.		
<b>Lack of Relaxed Body Language:</b> easy open handed position; looking of being in a restful position and may be cuddled up or stretched out; muscles look of normal firmness and joints are without stress; look of idle, lazy, or "laid back"; appearance of "just killing the day"; casual.		
<b>Tense Body Language:</b> extremities show tension;		

Freq.	Duration	Intensity
(5 min)	<1 min	High
	≥ 1 min	Low



# PAIN-AD SCALE

- 5 item observation scale
- Total score 0 -10
- Based on ordinal scale of 0 – 2
- Able to objectively describe pain based on observations of symptoms of pain
- Useful when patients cannot communicate pain levels reliably
- Warden, V., Hurley, A., Volicer, L. Development and psychometric evaluation of the pain assessment in advanced dementia (PAINAD) scale. J Am Dir Association. 2003; 4:9



## Pain Assessment in Advanced Dementia (PAINAD) Scale

Items*	0	1	2	Score
Breathing independent of vocalization	Normal	Occasional labored breathing. Short period of hyperventilation.	Noisy labored breathing. Long period of hyperventilation. Cheyne-Stokes respirations.	
Negative vocalization	None	Occasional moan or groan. Low-level speech with a negative or disapproving quality.	Repeated troubled calling out. Loud moaning or groaning. Crying.	
Facial expression	Smiling or inexpressive	Sad. Frightened. Frown.	Facial grimacing.	
Body language	Relaxed	Tense. Distressed pacing. Fidgeting.	Rigid. Fists clenched. Knees pulled up. Pulling or pushing away. Striking out.	
Consolability	No need to console	Distracted or reassured by voice or touch.	Unable to console, distract or reassure.	

# PAIN ASSESSMENTS - TYPES

**Table 2. Examples of Pain Assessments**

Category	Examples
General pain assessments	Brief Pain Inventory (Keller et al., 2004; MD Anderson Center, 2021) Face, Legs, Activity, Cry, Consolability (FLACC) behavioral pain scale (Malviya et al., 2006; Merkel et al., 1997) McGill Pain Questionnaire (Kremer & Atkinson, 1981) Numeric Rating Scale (Ferreira-Valente et al., 2011) Pain, Enjoyment of Life and General Activity (PEG) scale (Krebs et al., 2009) Visual analog scale (Gift, 1989) Wong-Baker FACES Pain Rating Scale (Wong & Baker, 1988; Wong-Baker FACES Foundation, 2016)
Site-specific pain assessments	Disabilities of the Arm, Shoulder and Hand (Hudak et al., 1996) Oswestry Pain Disability Index (Fairbank & Pynsent, 2000)
Performance skills assessments	Central Sensitization Inventory (Mayer et al., 2012) Fear-Avoidance Beliefs Questionnaire (Waddell et al., 1993) Pain Catastrophizing Scale (Sullivan et al., 1995) Pain Coping Questionnaire (Reid et al., 1998) Pain Self-Efficacy Questionnaire (Nicholas, 2007) Self-Compassion Scale (Neff, 2003; Raes et al., 2011) Sensory Symptoms Checklist (Wild, 2010) Occupational Experience Profile (formerly the Daily Experiences of Pleasure, Productivity and Restoration Profile) (Atler, 2015; Atler et al., 2015)
Assessments validated for use with clients with pain	Canadian Occupational Performance Measure (Law, Baptiste, et al., 2019) Functional Disability Inventory (Kashikar-Zuck et al., 2011; Walker & Greene, 1991) Patient-Specific Functional Scale (Maugham & Lewis, 2010; Stratford et al., 1995)



# OTHER ASSESSMENTS

Occupational Questionnaire

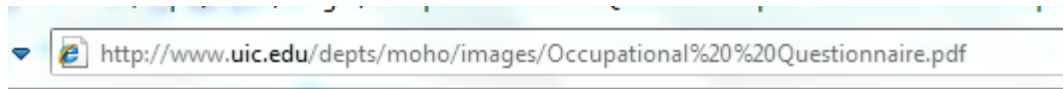
Roles Checklist

Activity Card Sort

Patient Specific Functional Questionnaire

COPM

# OCCUPATIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE (OQ) (1986)



- Questionnaire or interview format
- Elicits information related to patient's volition related to use of time
- Volition: values, interests, and personal causation
- Patient self report typical weekend and weekday routine for every 30 minutes of time during a day
- Instrument provides a configuration of activity time-- % of time in work, play, daily living as well as % of time engaged in activities of value, interest and that establish a sense of ability or competence
- Smith, N.R., Kielhofner, G., & Watts, J. (1986). The relationships between volition, activity pattern, and life satisfaction in the elderly. *American Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 40(4), 278-283.

OCCUPATIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE Developed by N. Riopel Smith with assistance from G. Kielhofner and J. Hawkins Watts (1986).				
Today's date _____				
Name _____				
Age _____				
Typical Activities	QUESTION 1 I consider this activity to be: 1 - work 2 - daily living work 3 - recreation 4 - rest	QUESTION 2 I think that I do this: 1 - Very well 2 - Well 3 - About average 4 - Poorly 5 - Very poorly	QUESTION 3 For me this activity is: 1 - Extremely important 2 - Important 3 - Take it or leave it 4 - Rather need it 5 - Great waste of time	QUESTION 4 How much do you enjoy this activity: 1 - Like it very much 2 - Like it 3 - Neither like it nor dislike it 4 - Dislike it 5 - Strongly dislike it
For the half hour beginning at				
5:00am	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
5:30	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
6:00	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
6:30	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
7:00	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
7:30	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
8:00	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
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# ROLE CHECKLIST

- Fran Oakley, MS, OTRL
- Questionnaire
- Can be orally administered or self administered
- Addresses a wide range of populations
- 2 Part Assessment
  - Role Participation
  - Value attributed to role
- Assists clinician in understanding roles that are important to the patient
- [foakley@nih.gov](mailto:foakley@nih.gov)
- Dickerson, A. E., (1999). The Role Checklist. In B.J. Hemphill-Pearson (Ed.), Assessment in occupational therapy mental health (p. 175-191). Thorofare, NJ: Slack

Email Fran Oakley – provide information in your email request – type of facility in which you work, type of clients served, City, State and County of Residence.

Also – accessible version available on the

39,200 RESULTS

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# ACTIVITY CARD SORT

- 89 photographs of well seniors performing variety of activities
- Assists in determining what occupational histories for patients look like
- Assists in defining goals, assess activities that have been given up lacking participation in
- Normative Data available for Cancer patients
- Baum, M.C., & Edwards, D.F. (200) Activity Card Sort. San Antonio , Harcourt Assessment.



# CANADIAN OCCUPATIONAL PERFORMANCE MEASURE (COPM), 4<sup>TH</sup> EDITION 2005)

- Semi-structured interview
- Administered one on one
- Desired goal of the assessment tool is to determine a client's self perception of change in occupational performance – an outcome measure.
- This semi structured interview assists collaborative relationship to develop
- Commercially available tool
- Discussion centers around occupations categorized in three areas: self-care, productivity, and leisure. Patient describes active occupations as well as satisfaction with performance and areas that are problematic
- Outcome measure – so performance

Therapist reviews with patient most important problem and documents on the COPM interview form

Numerical measurement of performance and satisfaction graded

Performance and Satisfaction score obtained

# PATIENT SPECIFIC FUNCTIONAL SCALE

- Neck Dysfunction
- Low back pain
- Knee Dysfunction
- Multiple Sclerosis

- Used to assess the ability to complete specific tasks
- 11 point scale 0 -10 used to rate their ability to perform an activity
- "0" being unable to perform activity to "10" Able to perform activity at the same level as before the problem
- Total score = sum of the activity scores / number of activities
- Minimum detectable change is 2 points for average score
- Minimum detectable change is 3 points for single activity score

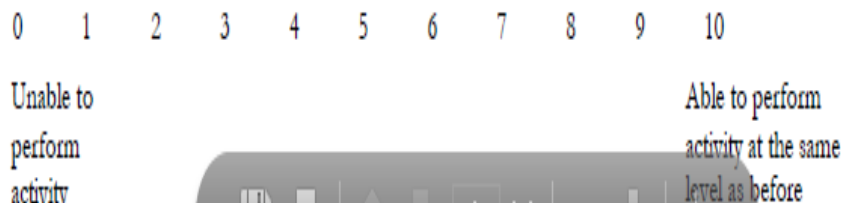
## Initial Assessment:

I am going to ask you to identify up to three important activities that you are unable to do or are having difficulty with as a result of your \_\_\_\_\_ problem. Today, are there any activities that you are unable to do or having difficulty with because of your \_\_\_\_\_ problem? (Clinician: show scale to patient and have the patient rate each activity).

## Follow-up Assessments:

When I assessed you on (state previous assessment date), you told me that you had difficulty with (read all activities from list at a time). Today, do you still have difficulty with: (read and have patient score each item in the list)?

## Patient-specific activity scoring scheme (Point to one number):



Westaway, M., Stratford, P., et al. (1998). "The patient-specific functional scale: validation of its use in persons with neck dysfunction." *The Journal of orthopaedic and sports physical therapy* 27(5): 331.  
[Find it on PubMed](#)

[Measure can be found on the Transport Accident Commission's website \(external link\)](#)

# ASHA RESOURCE

<https://www.asha.org/siteassets/practice-portal/aatpainassessment.pdf>

## Pain Assessment

**Severity:** \_\_ 0 \_\_ 1 \_\_ 2 \_\_ 3 \_\_ 4 \_\_ 5 \_\_ 6 \_\_ 7 \_\_ 8 \_\_ 9 \_\_ 10

If 1 or higher:

**Pain duration:** \_\_ acute \_\_ chronic

**Location:** \_\_ head, \_\_ neck, \_\_ shoulder (\_\_ left, \_\_ right, \_\_ both), \_\_ upper back, \_\_ chest, \_\_ abdomen, \_\_ leg (\_\_ left, \_\_ right, \_\_ both); \_\_ knee (\_\_ left, \_\_ right, \_\_ both); \_\_ other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Pain:** \_\_ sharp \_\_ dull \_\_ radiating

Based on the findings of the pain assessment, the client states that the

\_\_ present pain control is inadequate and will follow-up with the physician to discuss options;

\_\_ present pain control is adequate and there is no need to follow-up with the physician;

\_\_ pain is long standing; client can live with it and does not want to follow-up further with the physician.

## Pain-Assessment & Monitoring Tools

From: Partners Against Pain®. Reviewed 2009.


This collection contains a number of helpful forms and assessment tools that can be downloaded and used to record pain intensity and duration, patient consent and treatment, clinical follow-up, and patient response to pain treatment. Among others, the following may be of special interest to healthcare providers...

Reviewer: Stewart B. Leavitt, MA, PhD. Access to all checked April 28, 2009.



### Pain Assessment Scales

- > Visual Analog Scales (VAS)
- > Numeric Pain Intensity Scale
- > Simple Descriptive Pain Intensity Scale
- > Graphic Rating Scale
- > Verbal Rating Scale
- > Pain Faces Scale
- > Numeric Pain Intensity & Pain Distress Scales
- > Brief Pain Inventory
- > Memorial Pain Assessment Card (from Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center)

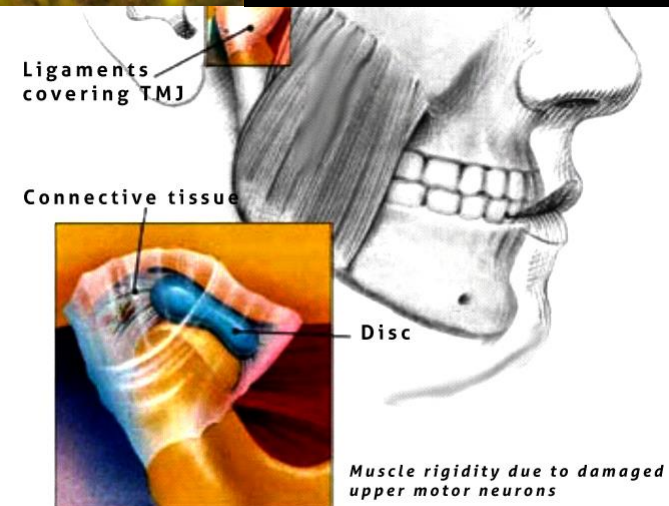
 Go to: <http://www.partnersagainstpain.com/professional-tools/pain-assessment-scales.aspx?id=3>

# WHAT ACTIVITIES EFFECT PAIN?

- What makes pain better or worse?
- Certain activities stress specific structures
- Are activities that effect pain consistent with history?



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# COMMUNICATION



Does patient have severe or intense pain?

Communicate with the patient and other health care providers.  
Patient may require pain medications before proceeding with  
evaluation and treatments.

A healthcare professional, a Black woman with a stethoscope, is showing a tablet to an elderly white woman with glasses in a clinical setting. The text 'TOOLS FOR EDUCATION' is overlaid in the center.

# TOOLS FOR EDUCATION

# PAIN ZONE TOOL

## Pain Zone Tool



### Green Zone

#### ALL CLEAR (GOAL)

- Your comfort level is       
(0 - 10 scale where 0 = no pain and 10 = worse pain ever had)
- You are able to do basic activities and rest comfortably
- You do not have any new pain
- If you're taking opioid pain medication, your bowels are moving at least every 2 - 3 days

#### Doing Great!

- You are managing your pain at an acceptable level for you
- Actions:
  - Continue your medicines as ordered
  - Continue            (ice, heat, therapy, etc.) along with your medicines
  - Keep all health care provider visits
  - Continue regular exercise as prescribed

### Yellow Zone

#### CAUTION (WARNING)

- Pain that is not at your comfort level with your usual treatments
- You are not able to do basic activities or rest comfortably
- New pain you have never had before
- If you are taking opioid medication, your bowels have not moved in 2 - 3 days
- You are sleeping more than usual
- You feel sick at your stomach
- You cannot take your medicine

#### Act Today!

- Your pain control plan may need to be changed
- Actions:
  - Call your pharmacist             
(pharmacy phone number)
  - or call your health care provider             
(health care provider phone number)

### Red Zone

#### EMERGENCY

- You cannot get any relief from your usual treatments
- You have new, severe pain
- If you are taking opioid pain medication, your bowels have not moved for more than 3 days
- You are extremely sleepy
- You are throwing up
- You are confused

#### Act NOW!

- You or your family need to call your health care provider right away
- Actions:
  - Call your health care provider right away             
(health care provider phone number)

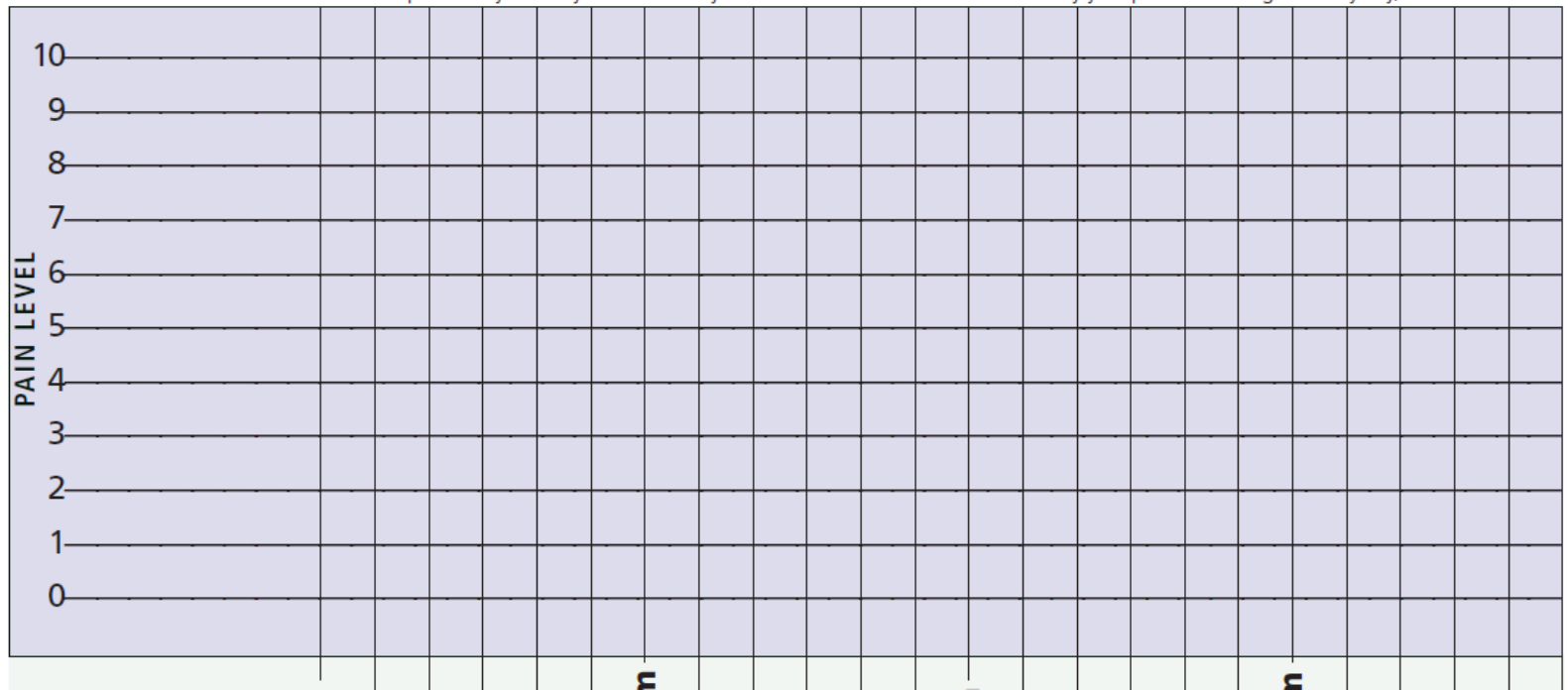
References: Lewis, Dirksen, Heitkemper, & Bucher, (2014) Medical-Surgical Nursing: Assessment and Management of Clinical Problems, 9th Edition; [Jagadev, 2014](#). This is an edited version of a document originally prepared by the TMF Quality Innovation Network-Quality Improvement Organization.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**DAILY PAIN CHART** Connect the points on your Daily Pain Chart so your medical team can see when and why your pain level changed. Every day, start a new chart.



# PAIN COPING QUESTIONNAIRE

## Description

The Pain Coping Questionnaire (PCQ) - Short Form is a self-administered 16-item questionnaire that includes subscales such as Problem Solving, Seeking Social Support, Cognitive Distraction, and Internalizing/Catastrophizing. The frequency of occurrence of each item is self-reported on a scale from 1 (Never) to 5 (Very Often). This protocol was validated in individuals aged 7- to 18-years-olds.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age (in years) \_\_\_\_\_ Sex (circle): Male Female Grade \_\_\_\_\_

### *Pain Coping Questionnaire - Short Form*

*Everyone has had a time when they have been hurt or in pain for a few hours or longer. For example, you might have had a headache, a stomach ache, a bad muscle pull, or pain in your joints (elbow, knee), an earache, or, for women, menstrual pain, etc... Below are some things that people might say, do, or think when they are hurt or in pain. We are interested in the things you do when you are in pain for a few hours or days.*

Circle one word for each question to show how often you do each thing listed:

1 = never, 2 = hardly ever, 3 = sometimes, 4 = often or 5 = very often.

WHEN I AM HURT OR IN PAIN FOR A FEW HOURS OR DAYS, I ...	<i>Never</i>	<i>Hardly Ever</i>	<i>Sometimes</i>	<i>Often</i>	<i>Very Often</i>
1) Say mean things to people.	1	2	3	4	5
2) Ask a nurse or doctor questions.	1	2	3	4	5

# PAIN SELF EFFICACY QUESTIONNAIRE (PSEQ)

M.K.Nicholas (1989)

## Pain Self-Efficacy Questionnaire

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Please rate how **confident** you are that you can do the following things at present, **despite the pain**. To indicate your answer circle **one** of the numbers on the scale under each item, where 0 = not at all confident and 6 = completely confident.

For example:

<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
Not at all						Completely
Confident						confident

Remember, this questionnaire is **not** asking whether or not you have been doing these things, but rather **how confident you are that you can do them at present, despite the pain**.

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1. I can enjoy things, despite the pain.

<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
Not at all						Completely
Confident						confident

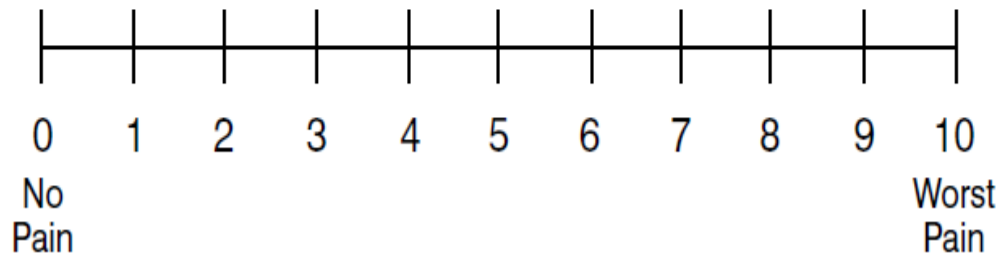
2. I can do most of the household chores (e.g. tidying-up, washing dishes, etc.), despite the pain.

<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
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# PAIN CONTROL LOGS

## Pain Management Log

Please use this pain assessment scale to fill out your pain control log.

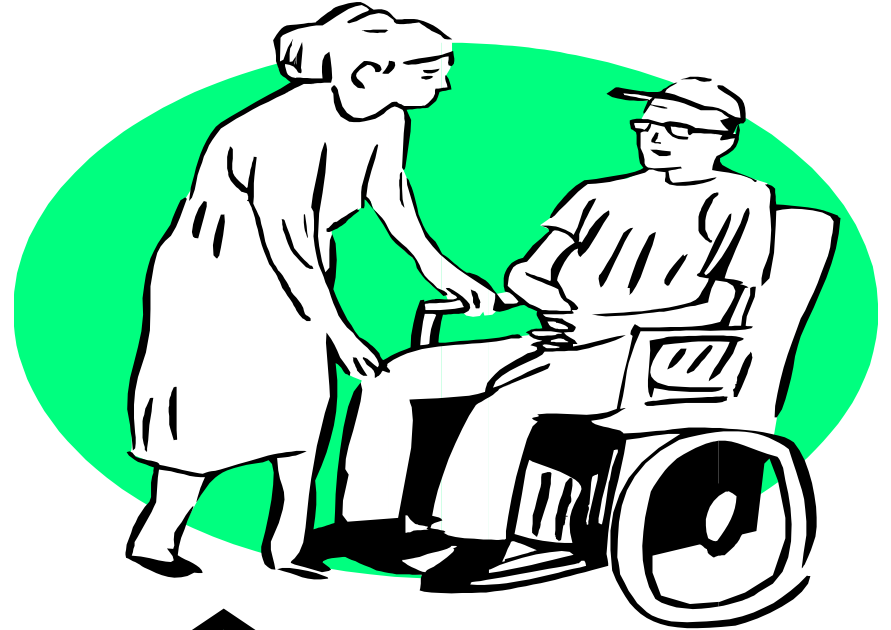


Date	Time	How severe is the pain?	Medicine or non-drug pain control method	How severe is the pain after one hour?	Activity at time of pain

# WHAT TISSUES/STRUCTURES ARE INVOLVED?

- Systematically isolate and test structures
- Is there consistency with prior findings, subjective reports, mechanism of injury, etc.?

# Back to Basics



Routine Meds  
Alternative Therapies  
Rehabilitation



# PAIN MEDICATIONS

Is patient on pain medications?

Is dosage, frequency or type appropriate?

Would routine meds be appropriate?

Should you adjust schedule of therapy around pain medication schedule?

# PAIN MEDICATION CONSIDERATIONS

When on analgesics:

- Evaluate when medication is wearing off
- Schedule treatment considerations

# MEDICATION MANAGEMENT

Is the person responsible for their own administration of medication?

Are they accurately administering their medications?

Does the person need a standardized assessment to measure medication management skills?

Does the person understand abstract concepts associated with medication management?



# TREATMENT APPROACHES

Restore Proper Alignment/Biomechanics

Protected Movement

Edema Reduction

Strengthening

Stretching

Modalities

Energy Conservation

Desensitization

Soft tissue mobilization

Joint mobilization

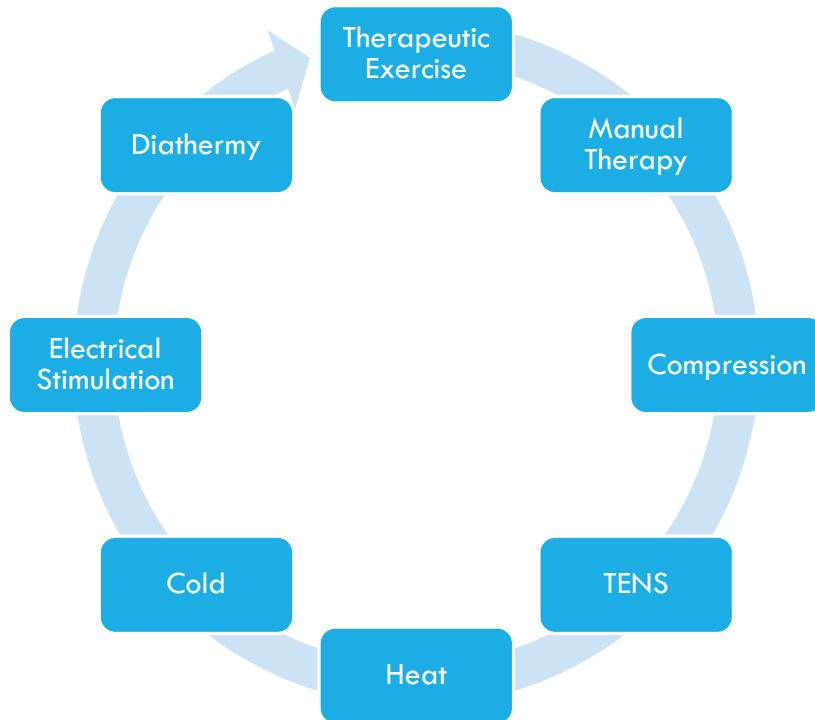
ADL retraining

Cognitive/psychosocial interventions

Behavioral interventions

Patient and Family Education

# MODALITIES



Traction

Ultrasound

Soft tissue mobilization

Splints/braces

Orthopedic shoes/inserts

Taping

Iontophoresis

Infrared



# RELAXATION

Pain medicines  
only reduce pain  
by 30% on  
average

Pain is stressful

Relaxation — a  
bath, funny  
movie or  
listening to music

# MINDFULNESS



Act of intentionally focusing on the present moment



Remember – pain is unpleasant physical pain AND how one reacts to it



Separate yourself from your negative thoughts, feelings, and sensations



**Formal mindfulness meditation** - setting aside time to focus on one thing – breathing or a sensory experience



Start with 5 minutes – add a minute per day

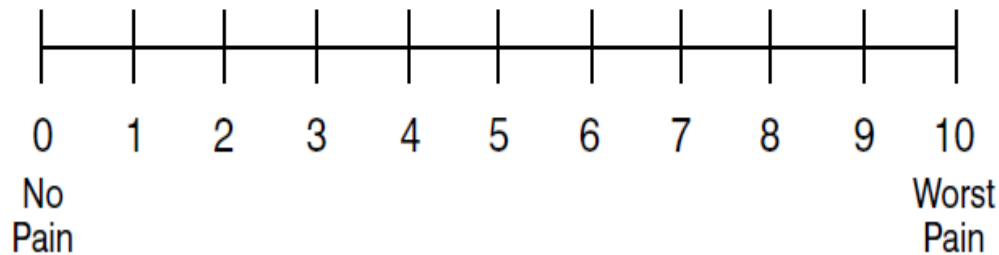


**Informal practice** – focusing on the present moment during daily activities – example while eating – notice the taste, texture and smell of the food; spending time with loved ones, bring your full attention to the conversation or activity

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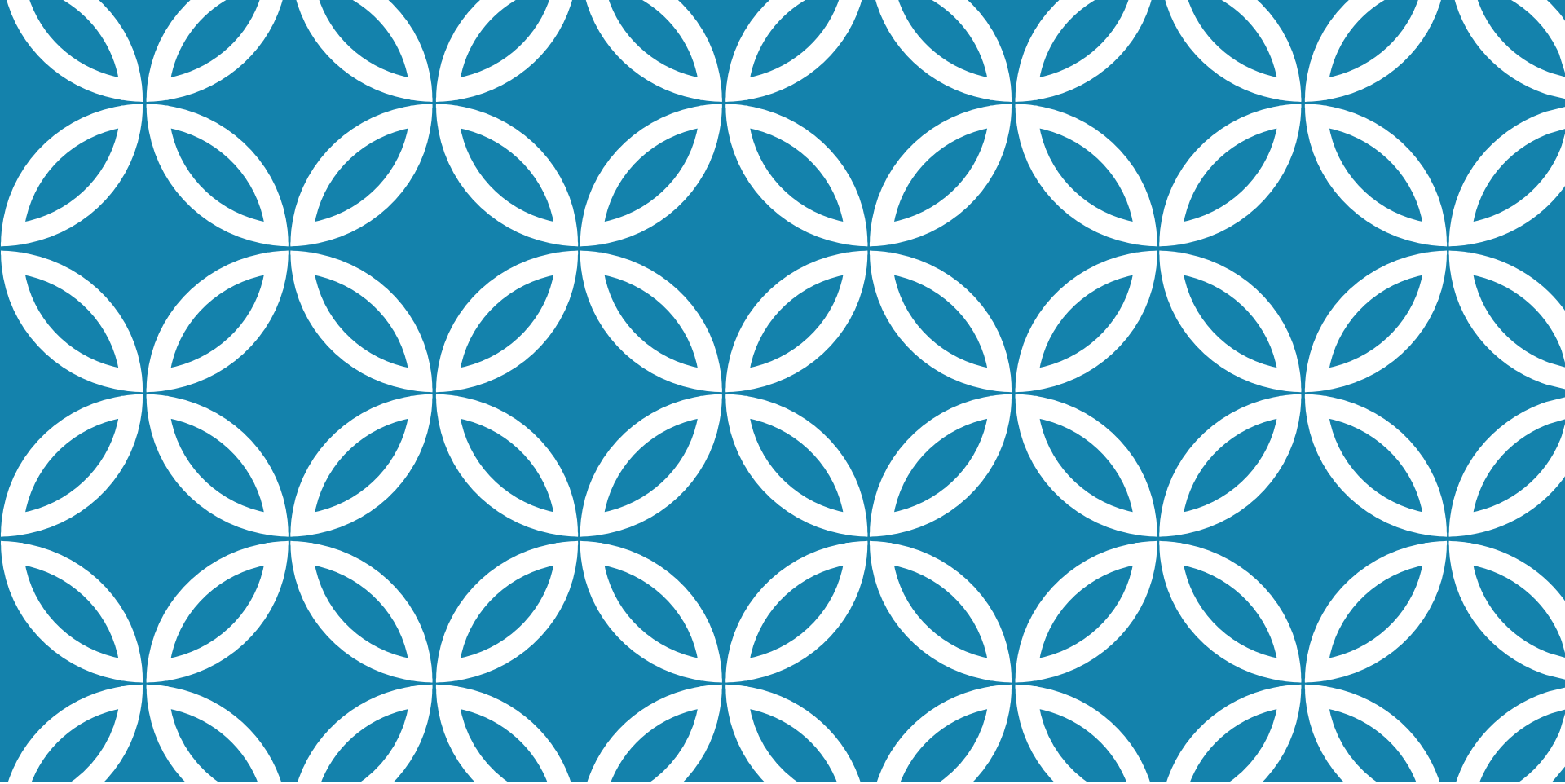
# SUPPORT AND RESOURCES

MlpainManagement : [www.michigan.gov/pm](http://www.michigan.gov/pm)

PATH (Personal Action Toward Health) – [www.MiPATH.org](http://www.MiPATH.org)

Establishing a Support Group for Chronic Pain –  
JodyKohnMSW@comcast.net

H.O.P.E for Fibromyalgia – [www.hffcf.org](http://www.hffcf.org)



**QUESTIONS?**

