

Wong Baker Faces Pain Scale for Children 3 Years or Older

Overview: Wong and Baker used a row of drawn faces to help a child describe the degree of pain being experienced. This can help monitor pain associated with medical interventions over time and help indicate the need for additional therapy.

NOTE: The diagrammatic faces are reminiscent of the photographs in the Oucher scale.

Face	Description	Points
grinning	happy no pain	0
somewhat smiling	just a tiny bit of pain (slight)	1
neutral	mild pain	2
slight frown	moderate pain	3
well-developed frown	hurts a whole lot (severe)	4
crying feeling absolutely miserable	pain as bad as can be imagined (extreme)	5

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