

Checklist of Nonverbal Pain Indicators

(Write a 0 if the behavior was not observed, and a 1 if the behavior occurred even briefly during activity or rest.)

	With Movement	Rest
1. Vocal complaints: Non-verbal (Expression of pain, not in words, moans, groans, grunts, cries, gasps, sighs)	_____	_____
2. Facial Grimaces/Winces (Furrowed brow, narrowed eyes, tightened lips, jaw drop, clenched teeth, distorted expressions).	_____	_____
3. Bracing (Clutching or holding onto side rails, bed, tray table, or affected area during movement)	_____	_____
4. Restlessness (Constant or intermittent shifting of position, rocking, intermittent or constant hand motions, inability to keep still)	_____	_____
5. Rubbing: (Massaging affected area)	_____	_____
(In addition, record Verbal complaints).		
6. Vocal complaints: Verbal (Words expressing discomfort or pain, "ouch" "that hurts"; cursing during movement, or exclamations of protest: "stop", "that's enough" .)	_____	_____
Subtotal Scores	_____	_____
Total Score		_____

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