Faces Pain Scale

Instructions: Have the patient indicate the face that best represents the severity of his/her current pain.

Scoring: Assign each face a number corresponding to the pain descriptor selected by the patient and keep a record of it. The neutral face is given a value of zero, and the most distraught face is given a value of six. You may either compute the patient's mean pain level over time or choose instead to track the pain score of the face selected by the patient and determine whether it decreases over time.

Note: Patients should view the figure without numbers.

Sources: