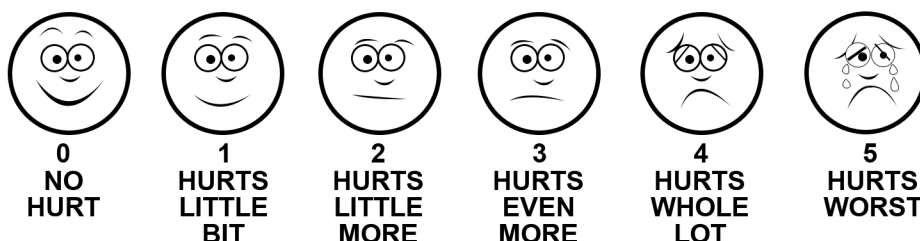


The Wong-Baker Faces Pain Rating Scale is particularly helpful in assessing pain in children aged 3 years and older as well as in elderly patients that may be cognitively impaired.

The advantage of this tool is that it offers a visual description for those that don't have the verbal skills to describe how their symptoms make them feel.



How to use the Wong-Baker Scale:

- Explain that each face represents how a person in pain is feeling i.e. someone who has no pain, feels happy and point to Face 0 or a person that has a lot of pain may feel sad and point to Face 4.
- Then point to each face and describe the level of pain intensity that the respective face feels as per the information below:

Face 0 No Hurt

Is very happy because he or she doesn't hurt at all

Face 1 Hurts just a little bit

Face 2 Hurts a little more

Face 3 Hurts even more

Face 4 Hurts a whole lot

Face 5 Hurts worst

Pain is as much as you can imagine, although you don't have to be crying to feel this bad

- Ask the child or elderly person to point to the face that best describes how they feel