

FLACC PAIN SCALE

Each of the five categories is scored from 0-2:
(F) Face; (L) Legs; (A) Activity; (C) Cry; (C) Consolability.
The total score will be 0-10.

For: Pediatric/Pre-verbal (validated 2 months to 7 years)
Not valid for children with developmental delay.

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Face	No particular expression or smile	Occasional grimace or frown, withdrawn, disinterested	Frequent to constant quivering chin, clenched jaw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

The FLACC Behavioral Scale for Postoperative Pain in Young Children. Merkel SI, et al. (1997).

The FLACC: a behavioral scale for scoring postoperative pain in young children. Pediatric Nursing, 23(3), 293-297.

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