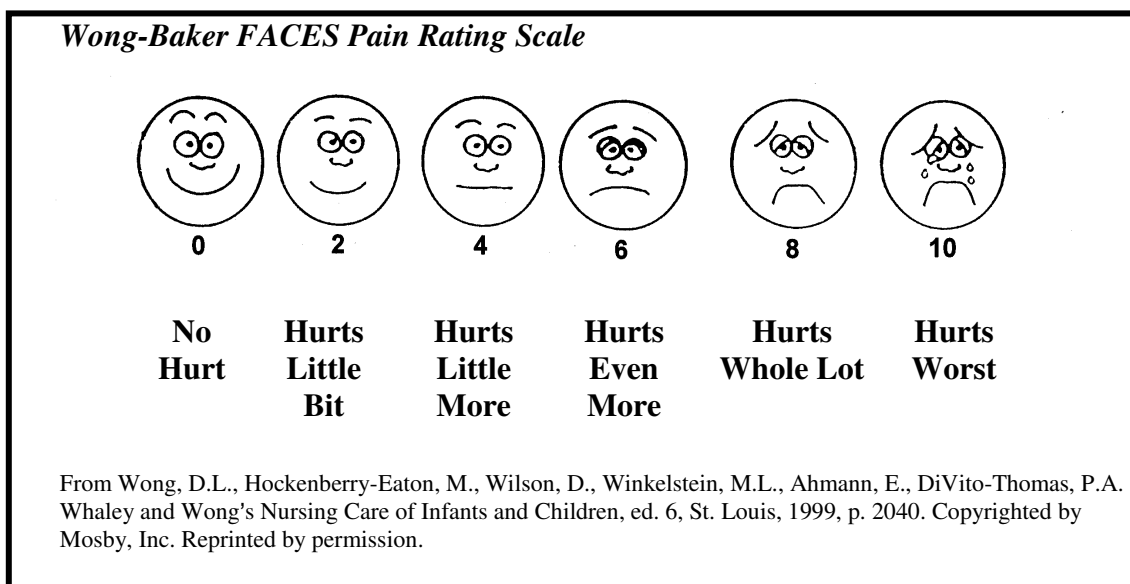
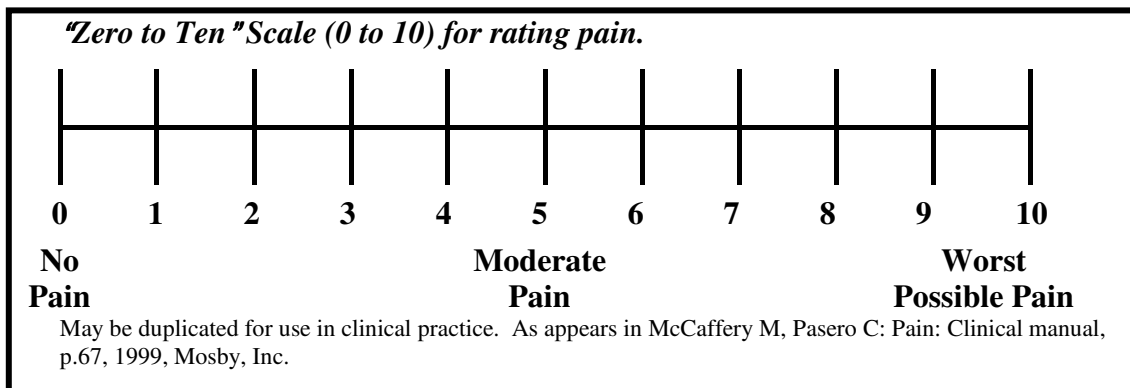


About Your Pain

Pain is the body's way of sending a message to your brain that help is needed. Tell your doctor or nurse about your pain so they can keep you comfortable. These are questions you may be asked about your pain:

- **Where is your pain?** Point to the place on your body where it hurts.
- **Does the pain spread to other parts of your body?**
- **When did the pain start?**
- **How much does it hurt?** Point to a number or face that shows us how much pain you are having.



- **What does it feel like?** Does it burn, tingle or ache? Is it dull or sharp? Is it constant or does it come and go?
- **Is it worse at any time of the day?** Morning? Evening?
- **What makes the pain feel better?** What makes the pain feel worse? What have you done to try to relieve the pain? Does the medicine make it feel better? Does it hurt more when you are active or lying still?
- **Does the pain affect other parts of your life?** Does it make it hard to sleep, eat, or care for yourself or others? Does it cause you to be upset, cry or to be less patient?

Talk to your doctor or nurse about your pain. Share your concerns and ask questions.