

# FLACC Scale<sup>2</sup>

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1 Face

No particular expression or smile.

Occasional grimace or frown, withdrawn, disinterested.

Frequent to constant frown, clenched jaw, quivering chin.

2 Legs

Normal position or relaxed.

Uneasy, restless, tense.

Kicking, or legs drawn up.

3 Activity

Lying quietly, normal position, moves easily.

Squirming, shifting back and forth, tense.

Arched, rigid or jerking.

4 Cry

No crying (awake or asleep).

Moans or whimpers; occasional complaint.

Crying steadily, screams or sobs, frequent complaints.

5 Consolability

Content, relaxed.

Reassured by occasional touching, hugging or being talked to, distractible.

Difficult to console or comfort.

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