

# Pain Types and Viscerogenic Pain Patterns

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### Study Outline

- Pain
- Mechanisms of Referred Visceral Pain
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- ☐ Comparison of Systemic Versus Musculoskeletal Pain Patterns
- ☐ Characteristics of Viscerogenic Pain
- ☐ Screening for Emotional and Psychologic Overlay
- ☐ Screening for Systemic Versus Psychogenic
- ☐ Symptoms and Physician Referral



# What is Pain??

### What is pain?

- Pain is a difficult word to define
- Patients use different words to describe pain
- Aching, Pins and needles, Annoying, Pricking, Biting, Hurting, Radiating etc.
- □ Different words in Urdu & Punjabi



### What is pain?

Pain is an unpleasant sensory and emotional experience associated with actual or potential tissue damage.

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Or

□ Pain is an unpleasant feeling often caused by intense or damaging stimuli.

### What is pain?

- ☐Pain is
  - subjective
  - protective
  - modified by developmental, behavioral, personality and cultural factors
- Recognized as the "fifth vital sign"
- ☐ It is a symptom
- Associated signs are crying, sweating, increased heart rate, blood pressure, behavioral changes etc





### Dual nature of pain

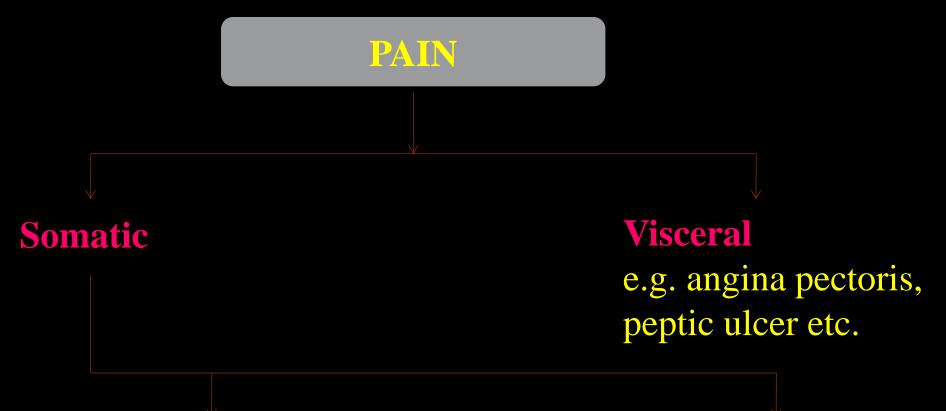
#### **Fast pain**

- ✓ acute
- ✓ pricking type
- ✓ well localized
- ✓ short duration
- ✓ Myelinated nerve fibres are involved (A delta)

#### Slow pain

- √ chronic
- √ throbbing type
- ✓ poorly localized
- ✓ long duration
- ✓ Unmyelinated nerve fibres are involved (c fibres)

### **CLASSIFICATION OF PAIN**



Superficial (from skin & subcutaneous tissue) e.g. superficial cuts/burns, etc.

Deep (from muscles/bones/fascia) e.g. fractures/arthritis/fibrositis, rupture of muscle belly

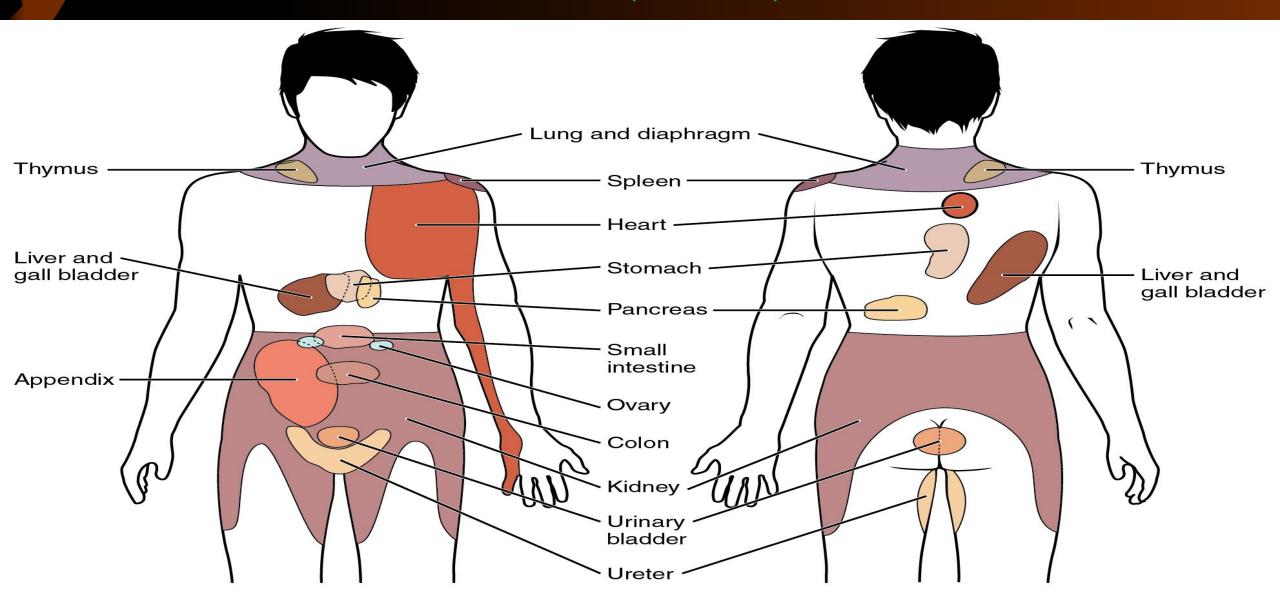
### Significance

- **□** Warning signal against tissue damage.
- Pain is one of the most prominent symptoms of tissue damage.
- **Initiate protective reflexes**
- causes the subject to get rid of the painful stimulus, or at least, to minimize tissue injury or damage

### MECHANISMS OF REFERRED VISCERAL PAIN

- ✓ Embryologic development
- ✓ Multi-segmental innervations
- ✓ Direct pressure and shared pathways

## MECHANISMS OF REFERRED VISCERAL PAIN (cont...)



#### Visceral Referred Pain

Site of Referral Organ

Right Shoulder inferior scapula Right lung, Liver,

Gallbladder

Left shoulder Left lung, stomach, spleen

Jaw, neck, left shoulder and arm Heart

Either shoulder Diaphragm

Flank & Upper abdomen Kidney

Substernal Esophagus, heart, lung

Spine at T10 Pancreas

Suprapubic Bladder

Occiput, forehead Eye

Temporal HA TMJ

If It crosses the knee or shoulder it's usually disk or neurologic

### Embryologic Development

- Pain is referred to a site where the organ was located during embryologic development
- Nerves refer pain sensations from previous location in spite of migration of the organ

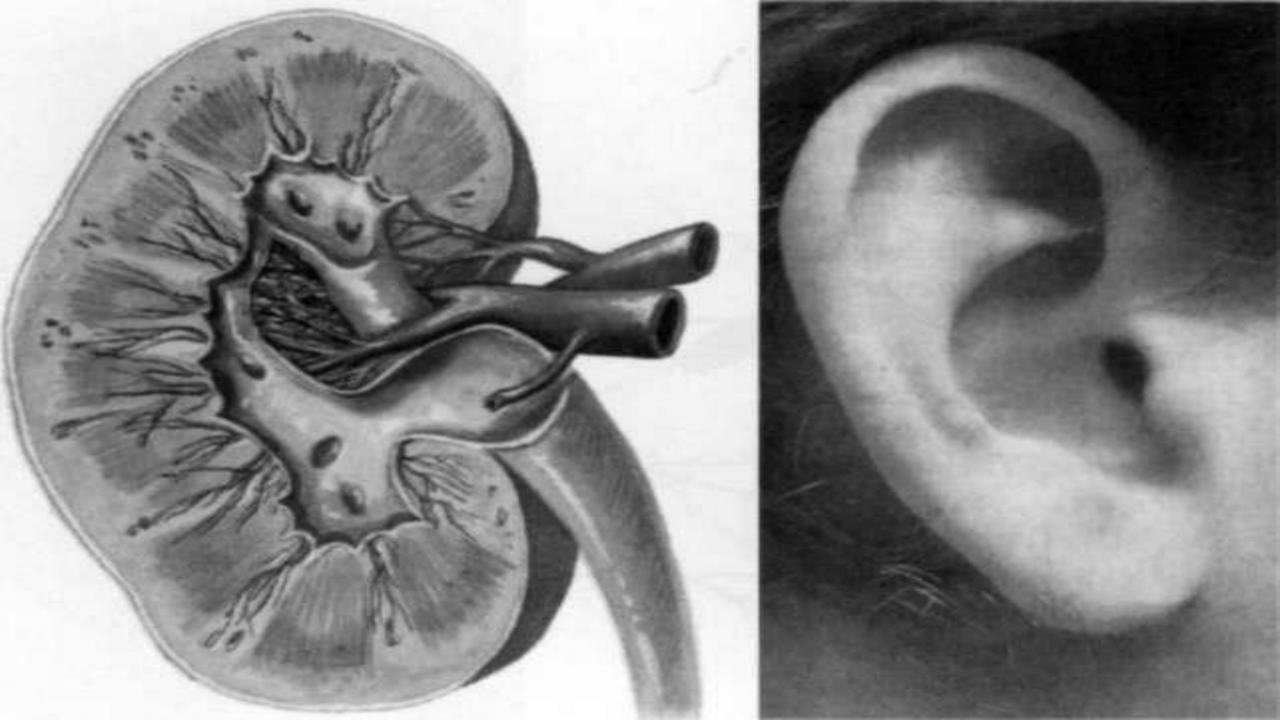
Example: chest is part of the gut in embryo, not unusual for disorders of thoracic viscera to refer pain to abdomen (pneumonia/pleuritis - abdominal pain)

### Embryologic Development

• Example: heart muscle starts out as cranial structure, but pericardium is formed by gut tissue (Pericarditis can be felt as abdominal pain)

### Embryologic Development

Organs that develop from the same embryologic tissues and at similar times can demonstrate similar pathologic or abnormal development.



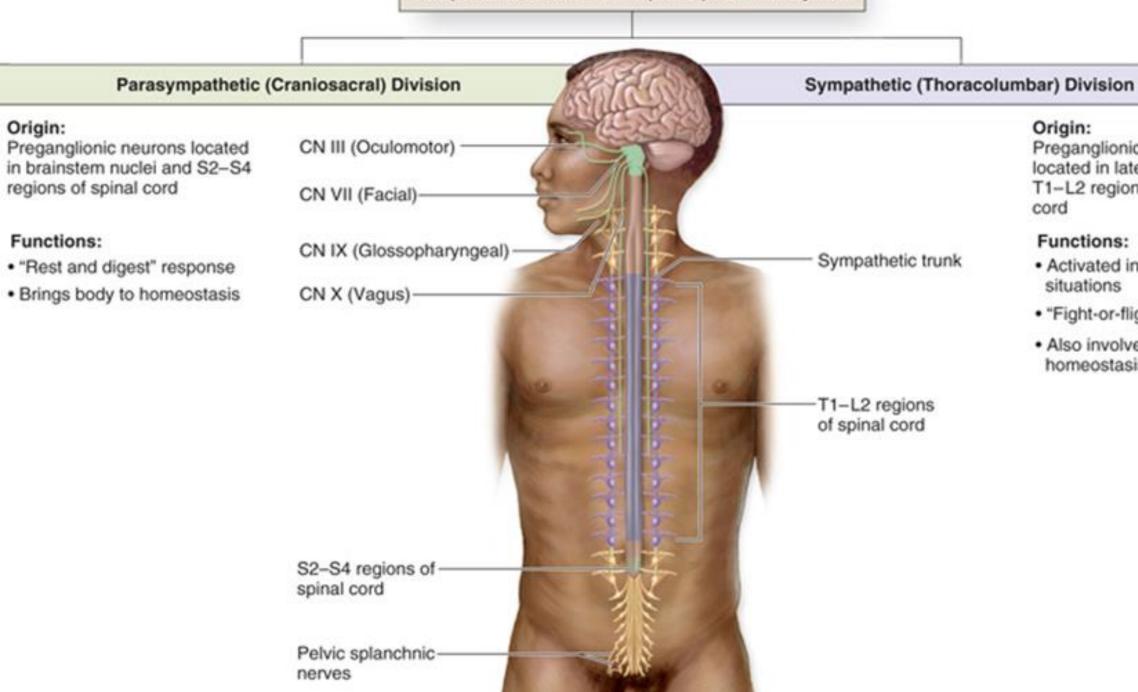
### Multi-segmental Innervation

- □Visceral organs innervated by the autonomic nervous system (part of the peripheral nervous system)
- □ Visceral afferents mediating pain travel with sympathetic and parasympathetic nerves
- □ Visceral organs have multiple levels of innervation (overlap with somatic structures)

### Multi-segmental Innervation

- □ Visceral pain can be perceived in corresponding somatic areas
- **Example:** Cardiac innervation from C3-T4, pain can present in jaw, shoulder, chest, arm, neck, upper trapezius, back

#### Components of Autonomic (Motor) Nervous System

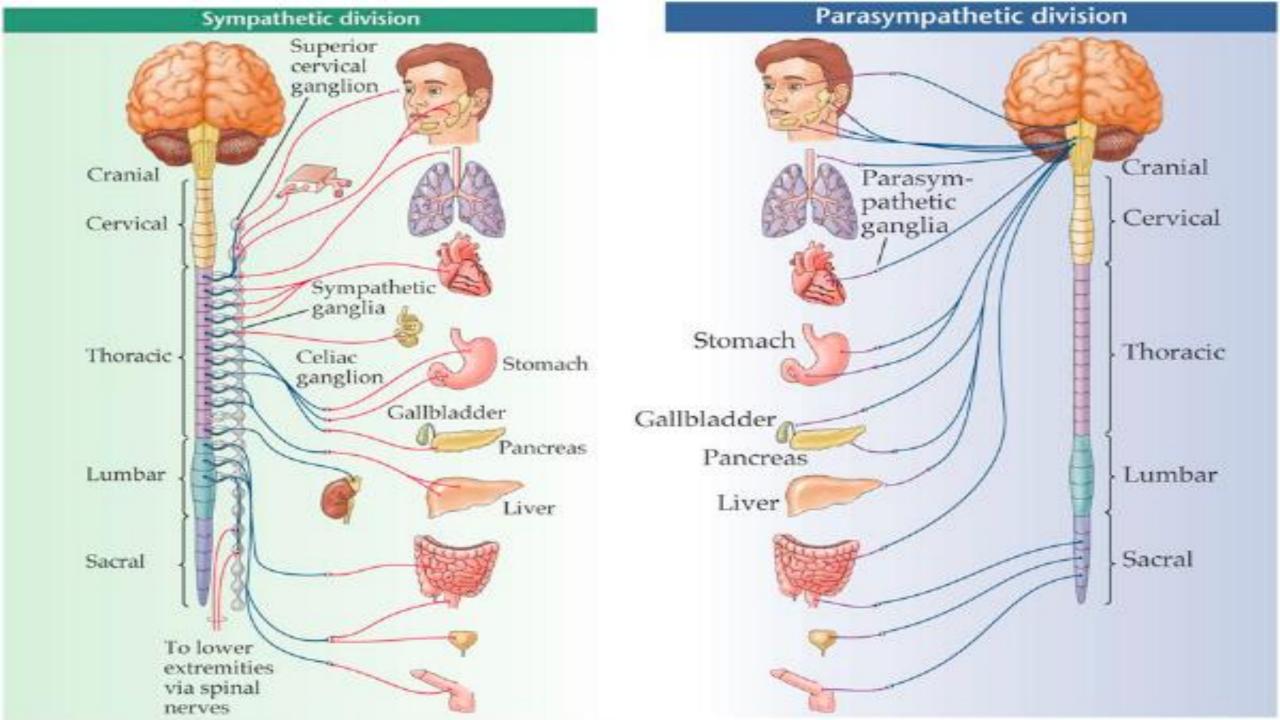


#### Origin:

Preganglionic neurons located in lateral horns of T1-L2 regions of spinal cord

#### Functions:

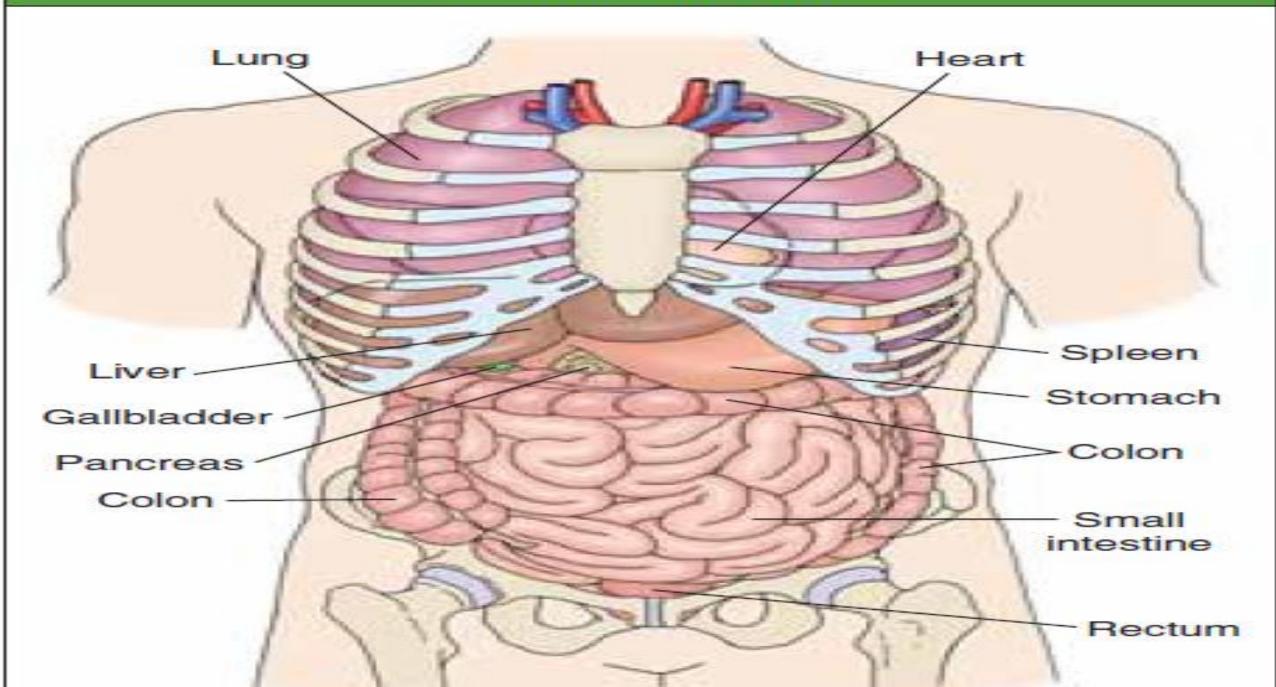
- Activated in emergency situations
- "Fight-or-flight" response
- · Also involved with homeostasis



### Direct Pressure & Shared Pathways

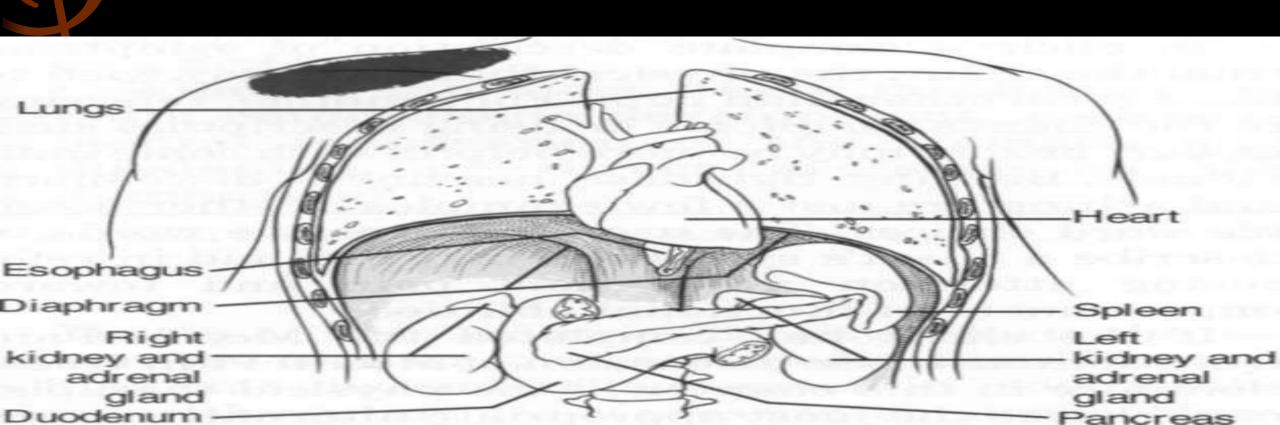
- ☐ Many of the viscera are near the respiratory diaphragm.
- Ovisceral organs can become inflamed, infected, or obstructed leading to direct pressure on the respiratory diaphragm creating referred pain to somatic areas.
- DFor example, the lower portion of the heart is in contact with the center of the diaphragm. The spleen on the left side of the body is tucked up under the dome of the diaphragm. The kidneys (on either side) and the pancreas in the center are in easy reach of some portion of the diaphragm.

#### Visceral Diagrams



### Direct Pressure & Shared Pathways

Example: If an infection, inflammation, or tumor or other obstruction distends the pancreas, it can put pressure on the central part of the diaphragm.



### Direct Pressure & Shared Pathways

#### **Diaphragm Innervation Patterns:**

- □ Central (phrenic n. C3-5)
- ✓ shoulders
- Peripheral
- ✓ ipsilateral costal margins &/or lumbar regions

### **Shared Pathways**

- The visceral organs are innervated through the autonomic nervous system. The ganglions bring in good information from around the body.
- The nerve plexuses decide how to respond to this information and give the body fine, local control over responses.
- The brachial plexus supplies the upper neck and shoulder while the phrenic nerve innervates the respiratory diaphragm. More distally, the celiac plexus supplies the stomach and intestines.

### Shared Pathways

- The neurologic supply of the plexuses is from parasympathetic fibers from the vagus and pelvic splanchnic nerves.
- The plexuses work independently of each other, but not independently of the ganglia.
- Ganglia collect information from parasympathetic and sympathetic fibers, deliver info to plexuses which provide control in each organ system

### **Shared Pathways**

- Patient can experience symptoms in any area innervated by the shared pathways
- Example: phrenic nerve (C3-5) innervates central diaphragm, pericardium, gall bladder, pancreas pain from these areas can be referred to the somatic areas of C3-5 also (the shoulder)
- Pain from pancreas can mimic heart disease, gall bladder disease, mid-back/scapular pain, or shoulder pain

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 Produces a baseline to assess therapeutic interventions e.g. administration of analgesic drugs

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### Pain assessment & measurement

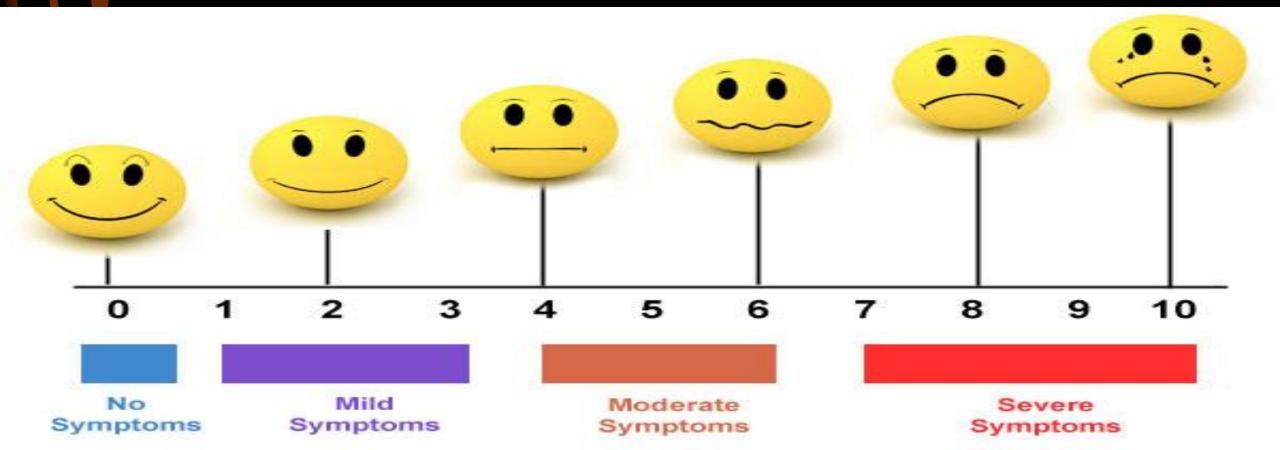
- Pain assessment and measurement are two different issue.
- Different scales are used for measuring pain intensity
- Numeric Rating scale
- Faces pain scale
- McGill pain questionnaire
- Present pain intensity index

### Pain assessment & measurement

- **FLACC** Score
- Verbal Descriptor Scale (VDS)
- **PAIDAD**
- **ONEONATAL INFANT PAIN SCALE**

#### Numeric Rating Scale and the Faces Pain Scale

On a scale from 0 to 10 with zero meaning 'No pain' and 10 for 'Unbearable pain,' how would you rate your



#### **Short Form McGill Pain Questionnaire**

Heavy

Tender

Instructions: Read the following descriptions of pain and mark the number that indicates the level of pain you feel in each category according to the following scale:

1 = None 2 = Mild 3 = Moderate 4 = Severe

Throbbing
Shooting
Stabbing
Sharp
Cramping
Gnawing
Hot-Burning
Aching

Splitting Tiring/Exhausting Sickening Fearful Punishing/Cruel Total Score: The higher the score, the more intense the pain.

# Present Pain Intensity Index instructions: use the descriptors below to indicate your current level of pain.

- 0 = No Pain
- 1 = Mild
- 2 = Discomforting
- 3 = Distressing
- 4 = Horrible
- 5 = Excruciating

# FLACC SCORE

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 distractable	Difficult to console		

Each of the five categories (F) face, (L) legs, (A) activity, (C) cry and (C) consolability is scored from 0-2, resulting in total range of 0-10

# Verbal Descriptor Scale

### TODAY I HAVE:

- 0 = NO PAIN
- 1 = SLIGHT PAIN
- 2 = MILD PAIN
- 3 = MODERATE PAIN
- 4 = SEVERE PAIN
- 5 = EXTREME PAIN
- 6 = PAIN AS BAD AS IT CAN BE

# Pain Assessment IN Advanced Dementia PAINAD

Breathing Independent of vocalization		0	1	2	Score
Vocalization       groan. Low level speech with a negative or disapproving quality       Calling out. Loud moaning or groaning. Crying         Facial expression       Smiling, or inexpressive       Sad. Frightened. Frown       Facial grimacing         Body Language       Relaxed       Tense. Distressed pacing. Fidgeting       Rigid. Fists clenched, Knees pulled up. Pulling or pushing away. Striking out         Consolability       No need to console       Distracted or reassured by voice or touch       Unable to console, distract or reassure	Independent of	Normal	breathing. Short period of	Long period of hyperventilation. Cheyne-stokes	
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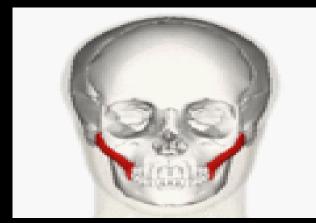
# NEONATAL INFANT PAIN SCALE

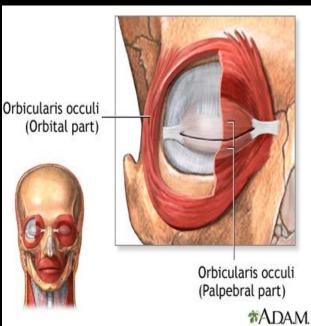
NIPS	0 point	point 1 point	
Facial expression	Relaxed	Contracted	_
Cry	Absent	Mumbling	Vigorous
Breathing	Relaxed	Different than basal	-
Arms	Relaxed	Flexed/stretched	_
Legs	Relaxed	Flexed/stretched	-
Alertness	Sleeping/calm	Uncomfortable	-

Maximal score of seven points, considering pain  $\geq 4$ .

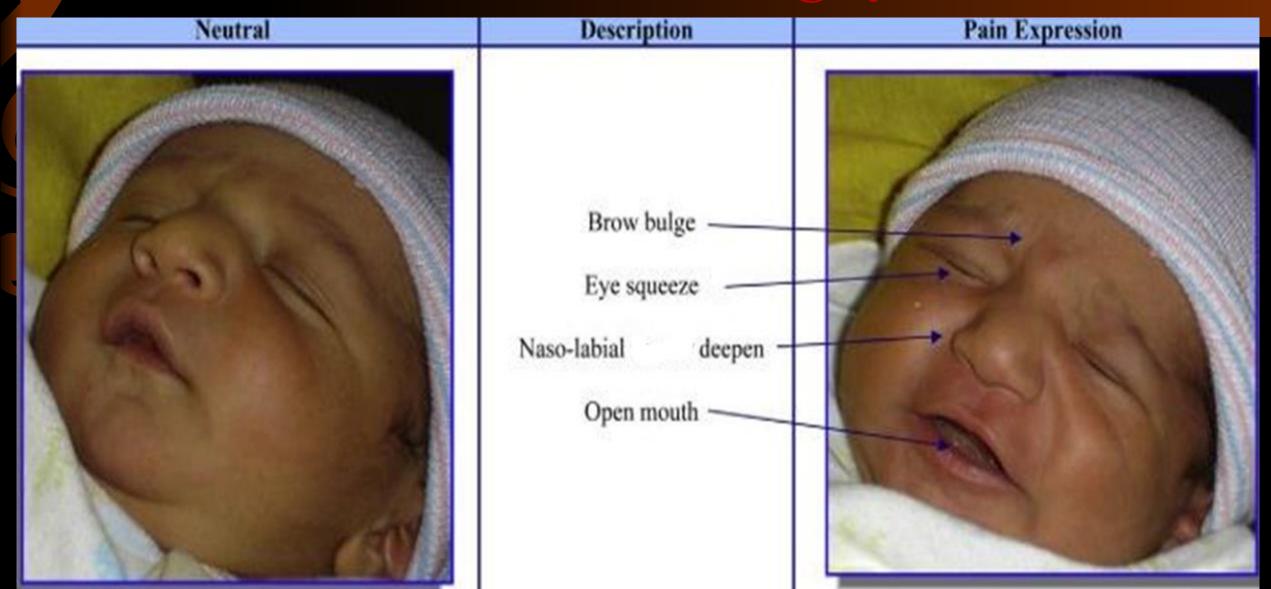
# Facial Action Coding System (FACS)

- ☐ is a system to categorize human <u>facial movements</u> by their appearance on the face.
- □ FACS can be used to distinguish two types of <u>smiles</u>
- ❖Insincere and voluntary <u>Pan-Am smile</u>: contraction of <u>zygomatic major</u> alone
- **Sincere** and involuntary <u>Duchenne smile</u>: contraction of zygomatic major and inferior part of <u>orbicularis oculi</u>.





# Neonatal facial coding system



### Pain Assessment in Older Adults

- Osler's Rule of Age
- ■1 in 5 taking analgesics medications regularly
- Many with prescription pain meds > 6 months
- □Often fearful to admit symptoms, consider it normal due to aging, avoiding expensive tests.

#### Pain Assessment in Older Adults

- Visual analogue scale (Mild Dementia)
- Verbal Descriptor Scale (Mild to moderate cognitive impairment)
- PAINAD (Alzheimer disease)
- Cognitive impairment
- Older adults more likely to have atypical presentation of acute pain silent MI, appendicitis without abdominal pain

# Pain Assessment in a Young Child & PAEDIATRIC

- ☐ May or may not be capable of describing pain
- Faces rating scale
  - child is asked to chose one of six pictures of faces that represent their pain(verbal children)
- Body outlines
  - child is asked to color in a picture of a body where the pain is located. Different colours can represent pain intensity,
- Pre-verbal children
  - observation of behavioural and physiological scores

# Pain Assessment in a Young Child & PAEDIATRIC

- Look for behavior signs & facial expression
- ■Neonatal infant pain scale
  - Child Facial Coding System and the Neonatal Facial Coding System
- \*"hurt" appears to be understood by children as young as three May use
  - 'owie" or "ouchie"

#### Evaluation of Pain

- Location
- Description
- Intensity
- ☐ Frequency/duration
- □ Pattern of pain including aggravating/relieving factors
- **Associated signs/symptoms**

# Pain assessment and symptoms

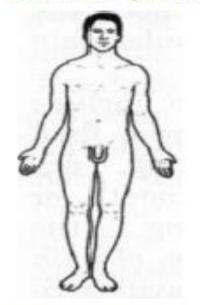
Onset of pain (circle one): Was there an:

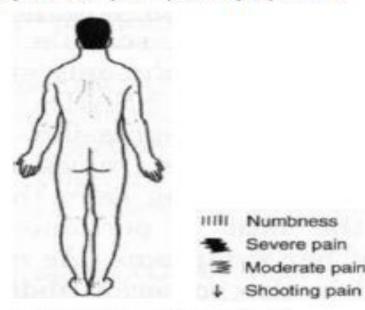
Accident Injury Trauma (violence)

If yes, describe:

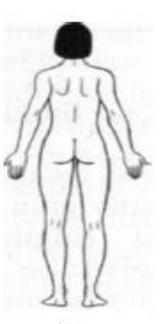
violence) Specific activity

Characteristics of pain/symptoms: Location (Show me exactly where your pain/symptom is located):









Do you have any pain or symptoms anywhere else?

Yes

No

Description (If yes, what does it feel like):

# Circle any other words that describe the client's symptoms:

Knifelike Dull Aching Other (describe): Boring Throbbing Burning Heaviness Discomfort Sharp Stinging Tingling Stabbing Constant Frequency (circle one): Intermittent (comes and goes) Yes Nο If constant: Do you have this pain right now? If intermittent: How often is the pain present (circle all that apply): Hourly Twice/daily Once/daily Unpredictable Other (please describe):.

# Associated Symptoms

Burning	Difficulty breathing	Shortness of breath
Skin rash (or other lesions)	Change in bowel/bladder	Difficulty swallowing
Dizziness	Heart palpitations	Hoarseness
Diarrhea	Constipation	Bleeding of any kind
Numbness	Problems with vision	Tingling
Joint pain	Weight loss/gain	Other:

Duration: How long does	your pain (name the sympto	m) last?			
	factors (What makes it worse	e?)	Relieving fac	ctors (What makes it better	?)
Pattern Has the pain ch If yes, please e	nanged since it first began? explain:	Yes No			
What is your pa	ain/symptom like from mornin	ng (am) to evening (pm)?			
Circle one:	Worse in the morning	Worse midday/	afternoon	Worse at night	
Circle one: Circle all that	Gradually getting better apply:	Gradually getting	ng worse	Staying the same	
Present upon waking up		Keeps me from falling asleep		Wakes me up at nigh	t

TABLE 3-1	Recognizi	ng Pain Patterns	
Vascular	Neurogenic	Musculoskeletal	Emotional
Throbbing	Sharp	Aching	Tiring
Pounding	Crushing	Sore	Miserable
Pulsing	Pinching	Heavy	Vicious
Beating	Burning	Hurting	Agonizing
	Hot	Dull	Nauseating
	Searing	Cramping	Frightful
	Itchy	Deep	Piercing
	Stinging		Dreadful
	Pulling		Punishing
	Jumping		Torturing
	Shooting		Killing
	Pricking		Unbearable
	Gnawing		Annoying
	Electrical		Cruel
			Sickening
			Exhausting

Indicate a plus (+) for aggravating factors or a mine	us (	-) for relieving factors.
Liquor		Sleep/rest
Stimulants (e.g., caffeine)		Lying down
Eating		Distraction (e.g., television)
Heat		Urination/defecation
Cold		Tension/stress
Weather changes		Loud noises
Massage		Going to work
Pressure		Intercourse
No movement		Mild exercise
Movement		Fatigue
Sitting		Standing

	Systemic pain	Musculoskeletal pain
Onset	<ul> <li>Recent, sudden</li> <li>Does not present as observed for years without progression of symptoms</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>May be sudden or gradual, depending on the history</li> <li>Sudden: Usually associated with acute overload stress, traumatic event, repetitive motion; can occur as a side effect of some medications (e.g., statins)</li> <li>Gradual: Secondary to chronic overload of the affected part; may be present off and on for years</li> </ul>
Description	<ul> <li>Knifelike quality of stabbing from the inside out, boring, deep aching</li> <li>Cutting, gnawing</li> <li>Throbbing</li> <li>Bone pain</li> <li>Unilateral or bilateral</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Local tenderness to pressure is present</li> <li>Achy, cramping pain</li> <li>May be stiff after prolonged rest, but pain level decreases</li> <li>Usually unilateral</li> </ul>

# Intensity

- Related to the degree of noxious stimuli; usually unrelated to presence of anxiety
- Dull to severe
- Mild to severe

Duration

Constant, no change, awakens the person at night

- May be mild to severe
- May depend on the person's anxiety level the level of pain may increase in a client fearful of a "serious" condition
- May be constant but is more likely to be intermittent, depending on the activity or the position
- Duration can be modified by rest or change in position

#### Pattern

- \* Although constant, may come in waves
- Gradually progressive, cyclic
- Night pain
  - Location: chest/shoulder
  - Accompanied by shortness of breath, wheezing
  - ° Eating alters symptoms
  - Sitting up relieves symptoms (decreases venous return to the heart: possible pulmonary or cardiovascular etiology)
- Symptoms unrelieved by rest or change in position
- Migratory arthralgias: Pain/symptoms last for 1 week in one joint, then resolve and appear in another joint

- Restriction of active/passive/accessory movement(s) observed
- One or more particular movements "catch" the client and aggravate the pain

# Aggravating Factors

- Cannot alter, provoke, alleviate, eliminate, aggravate the symptoms
- Organ Dependent (Examples):
  - ° Esophagus—eating or swallowing affects symptoms
  - » GI—peristalsis (eating) affects symptoms
  - ° Heart—cold, exertion, stress, heavy meal (especially when combined) bring on symptoms

 Altered by movement; pain may become worse with movement or some myalgia decreases with movement

# Relieving

# Factors

- Organ Dependent (Examples):
  - ° Gallbladder—leaning forward may reduce symptoms
  - Kidney—leaning to the affected side may reduce symptoms
  - Pancreas—sitting upright or leaning forward may reduce symptoms

- Symptoms reduced or relieved by rest or change in position
- Muscle pain is relieved by short periods of rest without resulting stiffness, except in the case of fibromyalgia; stiffness may be present in older adults
- Stretching
- Heat, cold

Associated Signs and Symptoms

- Fever, chills
- Night sweats
- Unusual vital signs
- Warning signs of cancer (see Chapter 13)
- GI symptoms: Nausea, vomiting, anorexia, unexplained weight loss, diarrhea, constipation
- Early satiety (feeling full after eating)
- Bilateral symptoms (e.g., paresthesias, weakness, edema, nail bed changes, skin rash)
- Painless weakness of muscles: More often proximal but may occur distally
- Dyspnea (breathlessness at rest or after mild exertion)

 Usually none, although stimulation of trigger points may cause sweating, nausea, blanching

- Diaphoresis (excessive perspiration)
- Headaches, dizziness, fainting
- Visual disturbances
- Skin lesions, rashes, or itching that the client may not associate with the musculoskeletal symptoms
- Bowel/bladder symptoms
  - ° Hematuria (blood in the urine)
  - Nocturia
  - Urgency (sudden need to urinate)
  - ° Frequency
  - ° Melena (blood in feces)
  - Fecal or urinary incontinence
  - Bowel smears

Sources	Types	Characteristics/patterns
Cutaneous Deep somatic Visceral Neuropathic Referred	Myofascial pain  • Muscle tension  • Muscle spasm  • Muscle trauma  • Muscle deficiency (weakness and stiffness)  • Trigger points (TrPs)	Client describes:     Location/onset     Description     Intensity     Duration     Frequency
	Joint pain	Therapist recognizes the pattern  Vascular  Neurogenic  Musculoskeletal/spondylotic  Visceral  Emotional

# SCREENING FOR SYSTEMIC VERSUS PSYCHOGENIC SYMPTOMS

- Symptoms are out of proportion to the injury.
- Symptoms persist beyond the expected time for physiologic healing.
- No position is comfortable.

## Three Screening Tools

- McGill Pain Questionnaire
- Symptom Magnification and Illness Behavior
- Waddell's Nonorganic Signs

1 Flickering Quivering	— 11 Tiring — Exhausting			
Pulsing Throbbing Beating	12 Sickening Suffocating			5
Pounding	13 Fearful	- (1		6 11 ()
2 Jumping Flashing	Frightful Terrifying	= 11.6		
Shooting	— 14 Punishing	- 1/1		[]]
3 Pricking Boring Drilling Stabbing	Gruelling Cruel Vicious Killing	= ( )	Carlo	Ew (+) W
Lancinating	15 Wretched	- F-()	IIII Numbness	111
4 Sharp	Blinding		Severe pair	1 11 1
Cutting Lacerating	— 16 Annoying — Troublesome	= \V(	Moderate p	pain \ () /
5 Pinching Pressing Gnawing	Miserable Intense Unbearable	ACCOMPANYING	↓ Shooting pa     SLEEP:	FOOD INTAKE:
Cramping Crushing	— 17 Spreading Radiating	SYMPTOMS: Nausea	Good	Good Some
6 Tugging	Penetrating Piercing	Headache Dizziness	Can't sleep	Little – None –
Pulling — Wrenching —	18 Tight	Drowsiness _ Constipation _	COMMENTS.	COMMENTS:
7 Hot Burning Scalding Searing	Numb Drawing Squeezing Tearing	Diarrhea – Others:		
8 Tingling Itchy	19 Cool Cold Freezing			
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Stinging	2	20 Nagging	KEY:	
9 Dull Sore Hurting Aching		Agonizing Dreadful Torturing		Group 1 suggests vascular disorder Groups 2–8 suggests neurogenic disorder Group 9 suggests musculoskeletal disorder Groups 10–20 suggests emotional lability
Heavy  10 Tender  Taut  Rasping  Splitting				SCORING: Add up total number of checks. Clients who mark  4–8 = Within normal limits (WNL)  ≥6 = may be getting a "little into pain"  ≥10 = Psychologic evaluation may be needed.

## Symptom Magnification and Illness Behavior

- Pain in the absence of an identified source of disease or pathologic condition may elicit a behavioral response from the client.
- Illness behavior is what people say and do to show they are ill or perceive themselves as sick or in pain



- Dramatization of complaints, leading to overtreatment and overmedication
- Progressive dysfunction, leading to decreased physical activity and often compounding preexisting musculoskeletal or circulatory dysfunction
- Drug misuse
- Progressive dependency on others, including health care professionals, leading to overuse of the health care system

# Symptom magnification syndrome (SMS)

- Income disability, in which the person's illness behavior is perpetuated by financial gain
- Conscious symptom magnification is referred to as malingering, whereas unconscious symptom magnification is labeled illness behavior

- "My (back) pain won't let me. . . . "
- Pain management
- Rehabilitation

# **Pain Assessment**

# Waddell Nonorganic Signs

Description

Sign

Tenderness— superficial or nonanatomic	Tenderness is not related to a particular structure. It may be superficial (tender to a light pinch over a wide area) or deep tenderness felt over a wide area (may extend over many segmental levels).
Simulation tests— axial loading in rotation	These tests give the client the impression that diagnostic tests are being performed. Slight pressure (axial loading) applied to the top of the head or passive rotation of the shoulders & pelvis in the same direction produces c/o LBP.

SLR	testing the structures in another position.  By appearing to test the plantar reflex in sitting, the examiner may actually lift the leg higher than that of the supine SLR.
Regional disturbances— weakness or sensory	When the dysfunction spans a widespread region of the body (sensory or motor) that cannot be explained via anatomical relationships. This may be demonstrated
	by the client "giving way" or cogwheel

Distraction tests -  $\land$   $\land$   $\land$   $\land$  clinical test  $\land$   $\land$  is confirmed by

by the client "giving way" or cogwheel resistance during strength testing of many major muscle groups or reporting diminish sensation in a nondermatomal pattern (stocking effect).

Overreaction

Disproportionate responses via verbalization, facial expressions, muscle tremors, sweating, collapsing, rubbing

affected area, or emotional reactions.

# Note: Any positive test in 3 or more categories results in an overall positive Waddell Score.

