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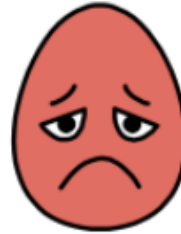
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If it's hard for to point, please use "partner-assisted scanning" This is how:



Ask patient to focus on the communication board

Establish patient's "yes" (i.e. nodding, blinking, thumbs up, etc.)

1. Scan through the pain scale options
2. Patient will choose pain scale number row using established response
3. Confirm the selection & repeat

Additional Considerations:

- Hold this tool ~12 inches from the patient's face
- Ensure good lighting, head positioning, and vision
- Speak **loudly** and **clearly** using **simple language**
- Wearing masks and other PPE may make it difficult to understand your speech. Consider using communication tools when speaking to me as well.
- If the patient can't use this tool effectively now, that does not mean the patient won't be able to use it later today, tomorrow, or this week. Continue to provide opportunities to support communication.

