

## Behavioural Pain Scale (BPS) for Pain Assessment in Intubated Patients

Behaviour	Patient Response	Score
Facial Expression	Relaxed	+1
	Partially tightened (e.g. brow lowering)	+2
	Fully tightened (e.g. eyelid closing)	+3
	Grimacing	+4
Upper Limb	No Movement	+1
	Partially Bent	+2
	Fully bent with finger flexion	+3
	Permanently retracted	+4
Compliance with mechanical ventilation	Tolerating movement	+1
	Coughing but tolerating ventilation for most of the time	+2
	Fighting ventilator	+3
	Unable to control ventilation	+4
<b>Score interpretation:</b> Score <3 indicate no pain. Score 4-5 indicate mild pain. Score 6-11 indicate an unacceptable amount of pain: consider sedation and/or analgesia. Score > 12 indicate maximum pain: consider sedation and/or analgesia	<b>Total Score</b>	<b>Out of 12</b>

Payen J et al (2001) Assessing pain in critically ill sedated patients by using a behavioural pain scale. Crit Care Med. 2001 Dec;29(12):2258-63. Available at <https://cdn-web-img.mdcalc.com/icons/resource-pubmed.png>