Pain as bad as it could be

Extreme pain

Severe pain

Moderate pain

Mild pain

Slight pain

No pain

Directions: Ask the resident to point to or otherwise select the description that best matches the intensity of his or her pain. You may also want to try the words “aching,” “soreness,” or “discomfort” instead of “pain.”

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