# **Pain**



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# Tools and resources on pain for use in clinical practice, education and training



#### Fill in this resource

<u>Symptom Assessment Scale (SAS)</u> (172kb docx)

Assess the patient's anxiety around physical symptoms that bother, worry or cause distress



## **Complete this tool**

Abbey Pain Scale (226kb pdf)

Assess severity of pain symptoms in aged care residents, including people with dementia and those who are non-verbal



#### **Access this tool**

<u>Pain Assessment in Advanced</u> <u>Dementia Scale (PAINAD) (43kb pdf)</u>

Use this tool to score observations of pain related behaviours in people who are unable to communicate their pain by Warden, et al.



## Read the evidence

Pain Assessment Checklist for Seniors with Limited Ability to Communicate (PACSLAC)

Use this scale to score observations of pain in people who have difficulty communicating



## Implement this tool

Numeric Pain Rating Scale (122kb pdf)

Assess pain by self-report in people with various communicative abilities developed by McCaffery, et al.



# **Optimise your learning**

PCC4U Module: Assessing and managing pain in palliative are

Learn how to apply the principles of palliative care symptom management with this online module