

Family Caregiver Pain Diary

A **Pain Diary** is a tool to record information on pain over time and collect data on things that possibly cause that pain. It is used to provide information for a healthcare provider to make best treatment decisions. Document your family member's pain experience on the attached page once per day or any time you see a change in pain or suspect a new or different pain problem. Bring the Pain Diary to the next appointment with your family member's healthcare provider.

- Use the [Iowa Pain Thermometer-Revised](#) with your family member, if they are able to provide a self-report of their pain severity. See Pain Thermometer tool below.
- Use the [PAINAD](#) with your family member, if they are unable to provide a self-report of pain. If you need this tool, please click this link to access on Geriatricpain.org. <https://geriatricpain.org/painad>

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Iowa Pain Thermometer-Revised

Use: Good for use with any patient, including those with moderate to severe cognitive impairment or who have difficulty communicating verbally. Have the patient point to the word on the thermometer that best shows how bad or severe their pain is now.

Iowa Pain Thermometer_Revised Scoring: Document the words the patient points to on this tool. Evaluate the pain intensity over time to determine the effectiveness of pain treatments and need for changes to treatment.

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Circle a number on the Pain Thermometer below that best represents the intensity of the pain right now.

