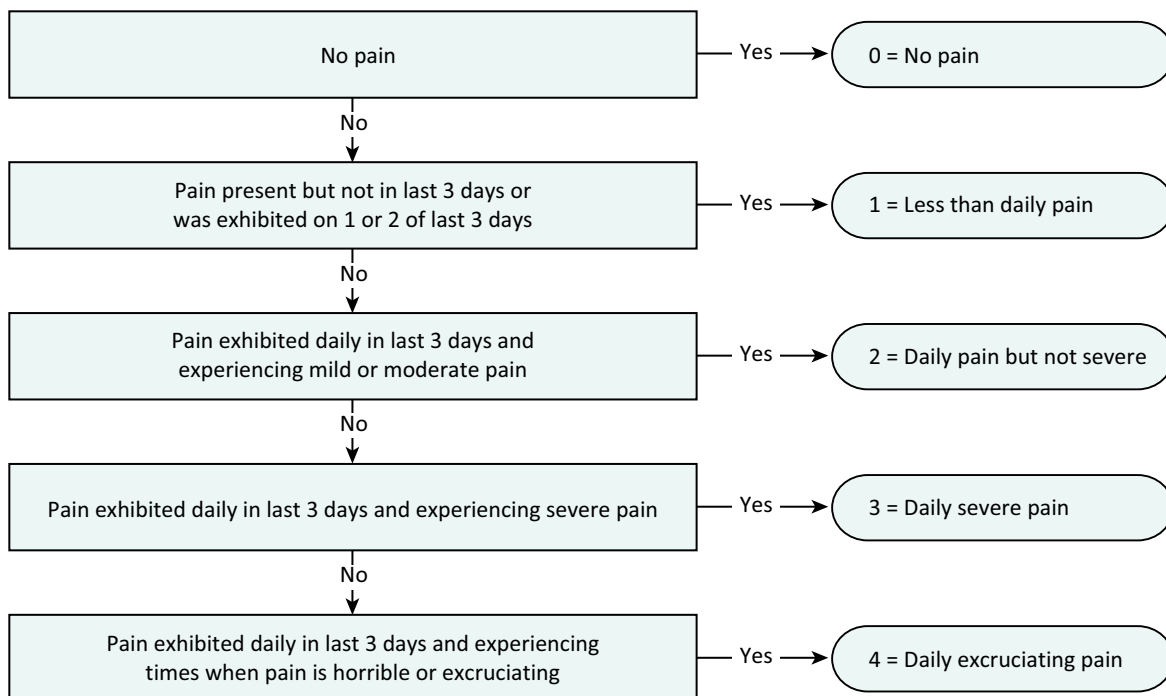




# interRAI CA (IRRS): Pain Scale Decision Tree

The Pain Scale helps determine the presence and intensity of pain. Scores range from 0 to 4, with higher values indicating higher levels of pain. The following diagram illustrates the decision tree for the Pain Scale using the interRAI Contact Assessment. 2 assessment items are used in the scale: Pain Frequency (D8a) and Pain Intensity (D8b), which are coded according to the highest level of pain over the last 3 days.

## Decision tree



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# Appendix

### Text alternative for image

The decision process to assign a Pain Scale score is as follows: If there is no pain, the score is 0. If pain is present but not in the last 3 days or pain was exhibited on 1 or 2 of the last 3 days, the score is 1. If mild or moderate pain was exhibited daily in the last 3 days, the score is 2. If severe pain was exhibited daily in the last 3 days, the score is 3. If horrible or excruciating pain was exhibited daily in the last 3 days, the score is 4.