Recommended Data Standardized Collection

MPAS+ needs to have consistency across data sets from different studies. This consistency will enable decisive meta-studies to be published clarifying this tool's validity and reliability, as well as, the cost impact of improving patient pain communication.   A second goal is to facilitate single subject studies as there are many people with unique combinations of disorders needing scientific attention, and advanced students in need of single subject studies to perfect their clinical and research skills. We encourage therapeutic professionals in training to use the following in their data sets.

Question for ADMITTING, start of new year, or change of personnel dealing primarily with this limited communicator are, mark as many as apply:

How does patient express pain at home? _____ tells caregiver words like "hurt", "pain", "ouch"

_____ cries.   _____ points _____ squirms, body actions.   _____ face shows distress

_____ uses a pain scale   _____ uses assisted communication device

_____ meets own needs without other's help.   _____ this has been a problem

Use line below to tell which pain scale used, or describe communication effort or device:

_____

Questions for RELEASE from facility, end of year, or end of personnel's responsibility (signed):

1. Patient's communication of pain is: _____ clear and consistent,   _____ adequate,

_____ inconsistent or questionable: _____

2. If questionable or inconsistent, was care effected: _____ patient required more staff effort to get needs

met; _____ patient's pain reaction resulted in injury (__ patient or__ staff);

_____ patient's reaction to pain resulted in material waste; _____ patient care required more staff time.

3. If patient response required more staff effort what helped?_____

_____What hindered? _____

4. Practice or use of a pain scale prior to use with pain: ____ none, ____ 1-3 sessions, ____ 4-6

sessions,____ 7-10 sessions, ____ 11-35 sessions, ____ 36 or more sessions, ____ unknown.

5. Family/caregivers were present during ____ percent of signee's interaction with patient.

 Family efforts supported patient pain scale training: ____actively ____sometimes ___not observed

Comments: _____

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Signature/Title _____ Date _____