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Feline Acute Pain Scale

	Rescore when awake Animal is sleeping, but can be aroused - Not evaluated for pain Animal can't be aroused, check vital signs, assess therapy					
Pain Score	Example	Psychological & Behavioral	Response to Palpation	Body Tension		
0		 Content and quiet when unattended Comfortable when resting Interested in or curious about surroundings 	Not bothered by palpation of wound or surgery site, or to palpation elsewhere	Minimal		
+ 1 + +		 Signs are often subtle and not easily detected in the hospital setting; more likely to be detected by the owner(s) at home Earliest signs at home may be <u>withdrawal from</u> <u>surroundings or change in normal routine</u> In the hospital, may be content or slightly unsettled Less interested in surroundings but will look around to see what is going on 		Mild		
2 + + +		 Decreased responsiveness, seeks solitude Quiet, loss of brightness in eyes Lays curled up or sits tucked up (all four feet under body, shoulders hunched, head held slightly lower than shoulders, tail curled tightly around body) with eyes partially or mostly closed Hair coat appears rough or fluffed up May intensively groom an area that is painful or irritating Decreased appetite, not interested in food 	 Responds aggressively or tries to escape if painful area is palpated or approached Tolerates attention, may even perk up when petted as long as painful area is avoided 	Mild to Moderate Reassess analgesic plan		
3 +		 Constantly yowling, growling, or hissing when unattended May bite or chew at wound, but unlikely to move if left alone 	 Growls or hisses at non-painful palpation (may be experiencing allodynia, wind-up, or fearful that pain could be made worse) Reacts aggressively to palpation, adamantly pulls away to avoid any contact 	Moderate Reassess analgesic plan		
4 —		 Prostrate Potentially unresponsive to or unaware of surroundings, difficult to distract from pain Receptive to care (even aggressive or feral cats will be more tolerant of contact) 	 May not respond to palpation May be rigid to avoid painful movement 	Moderate to Severe May be rigid to avoid painful movement Reassess analgesic plan		
	RIGH	 ○ Tender to palpation × Warm Tense 	LEFT	,		
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