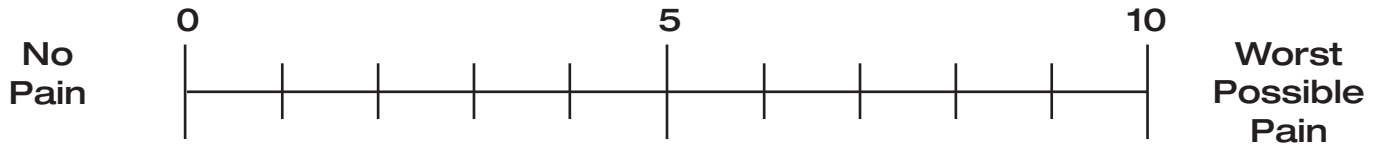


Appendix

Pain Assessment Scales

0-10 Numeric Pain Intensity Scale*^{1,2}



*If used as a graphic rating scale, a 10-cm baseline is recommended.

Visual Analog Scale (VAS)^{†1,2}



†A 10-cm baseline is recommended for VAS.

Efficacy of Opioids for Chronic, Noncancer Pain³

Drug	n (active treatment)	n (placebo)	P Value
Codeine + Acetaminophen	20	20	.002
Controlled-Release Codeine	61	65	<.0001
Tramadol	691	687	<.00001
Tramadol + Acetaminophen	669	588	.0007
Controlled-Release Oxycodone	196	195	<.00001
Immediate-Release Oxycodone + Acetaminophen	37	36	.003
Long-Acting Morphine	244	232	<.0001
Total	1918	1823	<.00001

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