ADVANTAGES OF The University of Melbourne Pain Scale: A Behavioral and Physiological Response SCALE

Advantages of the UMPS may include increased accuracy over the preemptive scoring system, VAS, SDS, or NRS and an ability to weight the importance of certain behaviors or parameters.

1. Multiple factors evaluated increase the sensitivity and specificity of the UMPS.

2. The UMPS relies on behavioral observations, thereby limiting interpretation and observer bias.

3. The UMPS evaluates changes in behavior or demeanor, adding to

the sensitivity of the scale.