How to Translate the *Faces Pain Scale - Revised*

General references for the methodology of translation, back-translation, and verification are provided below.

1. Start with the English or French versions available at [www.iasp-pain.org/FPSR](http://www.iasp-pain.org/FPSR) as these have been carefully tested. **Translate** the instructions into the new language.

2. Have the new version read by several people who are familiar with young children’s use of language (e.g., teachers, nurses). It should be suitable for children 3-8 years of age.

3. Have the new version **back-translated** into English or French by a bilingual person who does not know anything about the FPS-R and has not seen the original version. **Compare** the original with the back-translation and make any needed adjustments in the translation.

4. **Pilot-test** the scale with several young children, noting any difficulties they have in understanding the instructions. **Format** and print the instructions and the faces on paper as shown in the original version. **Disseminate** the new version of the instructions to new users and how they will be trained to administer the scale.

5. **Gather data** on pain scores from various groups, especially noting age, sex, and source of pain. It will be valuable to **compare** data using the FPS-R in different cultures and language groups. See the paper by Miró & Huguet (2004) as a model of how this can be done.

6. **When you cite the FPS-R**, please cite Hicks et al (2001). When you reproduce the FPS-R please include the web address [www.iasp-pain.org/FPSR](http://www.iasp-pain.org/FPSR) and “©2001 International Association for the Study of Pain.”

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**References**


