Visual Analogue Scale (VAS)

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The Visual Analogue Scale (VAS) is a self-report measure consisting simply of a 10 centimeter line with a statement at each end representing one extreme of the dimension being measured (most often intensity of pain). The respondent gives their indication with a pen mark on the line corresponding to their answer, e.g. the present pain level. It is a widely used, noted for ease of administration. When used to measure pain, it reliably differentiates between sensory and affective pain.

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Reliability and Validity


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