

# Pain Huddle Points 7-17-12

- Vital signs are **not** always reliable indicators of the intensity of patient's pain.
- **Patient's self report** is the **single most reliable** indicator of pain.
- Patients may sleep in spite of severe pain.
- Respiratory depression rarely occurs in patients who have been receiving stable doses of opioids over a period of months.

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