

# Pain Huddle Points 2-18-13

- Pain is personal, subjective, and unverifiable.
- In the presence of condition or procedure thought to be painful: **Assume pain is present** (e.g., before ambulation, physical therapy or chest tube removal)
- **Do analgesic trial** to build the treatment plan: Begin with recommended starting dose and increase based on response

*Pasero, 2009; Pasero, McCaffery 2003, 2011*