J0300.	Pain Presence

Enter Code

Ask resident: *"Have you had pain or hurting at any time in the last 5 days?"*

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    0.   **No** → Skip to J1100, Shortness of Breath
    1.   **Yes** → Continue to J0410, Pain Frequency
    9.   **Unable to answer** → Skip to J0800, Indicators of Pain or Possible Pain

Steps for Assessment

1. Ask the resident: "Have you had pain or hurting at any time in the last 5 days?"

Coding Instructions for J0300, Pain Presence

Code for the presence or absence of pain regardless of pain management efforts in the last 5 days.

> **DEFINITION**
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> **NONSENSICAL RESPONSE**
> Any unrelated, incomprehensible, or incoherent response that is not informative with respect to the item being coded.

- **Code 0, no:** if the resident responds "no" to having any pain or hurting in the last 5 days. **Code 0, no:** even if the reason for no pain is that the resident received pain management interventions. If coded 0, the pain interview is complete. Skip to **Shortness of Breath** item (J1100).

- **Code 1, yes:** if the resident responds "yes" to having any pain or hurting in the last 5 days. If coded 1, proceed to the Pain Assessment Interview.

- **Code 9, unable to answer:** if the resident is unable to answer, does not respond, or gives a nonsensical response. If coded 9, skip to the **Staff Assessment for Pain**.

Coding Tips

- Rates of self-reported pain are higher than observed rates. Although some observers have expressed concern that residents may not complain and may deny pain, the regular and objective use of self-report pain scales enhances residents' willingness to report.

Examples

1. When asked about pain, Resident S responds, "No. I have been taking the pain medication regularly, so fortunately I have had no pain."

    Coding: J0300 would be **coded 0, no**.

    Rationale: Resident S reports having no pain during the look-back period. Even though they received pain management interventions during the look-back period, the item is coded "No," because there was no pain.

2. When asked about pain, Resident T responds, "No pain, but I have had a terrible burning sensation all down my leg."

    Coding: J0300 would be **coded 1, yes**.

    Rationale: Although Resident T's initial response is "no," the comments indicate that they have experienced pain (burning sensation) during the look-back period.

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3. When asked about pain, Resident G responds, "I was on a train in 1905."

> **Coding:** J0300 would be **coded 9, unable to respond.**

> **Rationale:** Resident G has provided a nonsensical answer to the question. The assessor will complete the **Staff Assessment for Pain**.