**Perceived level of pain associated with various conditions**

The designation of conditions into categories below is intended to serve only as a guide. Pain may vary according to the patient and the condition. Each patient should be assessed individually.

### Severe-to-excrutiating

- Central nervous system infarction/tumours
- Meningitis
- Fracture repair where extensive soft tissue injury exists
- Spinal surgery
- Ear canal ablation
- Burn injury
- Articular or pathological fractures
- Limb amputation
- Necrotizing pancreatitis or cholecystitis
- Thrombosis/ischaemia
- Bone cancer
- Hypertrophic osteodystrophy
- Aortic saddle thrombosis
- Neuropathic pain (nerve entrapment/inflammation, acute intervertebral disc herniation)
- Inflammation (extensive e.g. peritonitis, fascitis – especially streptococcal, cellulitis)

### Moderate-to-severe (varies with degree of illness or injury)

- Immune-mediated arthritis
- Panosteitis
- Capsular pain due to organomegaly
- Hollow organ distension
- Traumatic diaphragmatic rupture
- Pleuritis
- Trauma (i.e. orthopaedic, extensive soft tissue, head)
- Frostbite
- Ureteral/urethral/biliary obstruction
- Glaucoma
- Corneal abrasion/ulceration
- Uveitis
- Early or resolving stages of soft tissue injuries/inflammation/disease
- Intervertebral disc disease
- Mesenteric, gastric, testicular or other torsions
- Peritonitis with septic abdomen
- Mucositis
- Oral cancer
- Mastitis
- Dystocia
- Extensive resection and reconstruction for mass removal and corrective orthopaedic surgery (osteotomies; cruciate surgery; open arthrotomies)

### Moderate

- Soft tissue injuries (i.e. less severe than above)
- Urethral obstruction
- Ovariohysterectomy
- Cystitis
- Diagnostic arthroscopy and laparoscopy
- Osteoarthritis

### Mild-to-moderate

- Dental disease
- Otitis
- Superficial lacerations
- Mild cystitis
- Chest drains
- Abscess lancing
- Castration