

Table 1. Difficulty perceived by staff and parents in the assessment of persistent pain and comfort

	STAFF	PARENTS	
	How easy or difficult is it for you to decide if a baby is experiencing persistent pain? (ie. pain that is not associated with an invasive procedure)	How easy or difficult do you think it is for the nurses and doctors to tell if your baby is comfortable?	How easy or difficult is it for you to tell if your baby is comfortable?
Very difficult	6 (7.1%)	0	1 (2.1%)
Moderately difficult	36 (42.9%)	7 (14.9%)	10 (21.3%)
Moderately easy	26 (31%)	18 (38.3%)	17 (36.2%)
Very easy	11 (13.1%)	13 (27.7%)	16 (34%)
Don't know	4 (4.8%)	9 (19.1%)	3 (6.4%)