

# Visual Analogue Scale (VAS) for pain



The VAS<sup>1</sup> for pain consists of a 10cm line with two end-points representing 'no pain' and 'pain as bad as it could possibly be'. Patients with WAD are asked to rate their pain by placing a mark on the line corresponding to their current level of pain. The distance along the line from the 'no pain' marker is then measured with a ruler giving a pain score out of 10.

1 Scott, J. and E. Huskisson, *Graphic representation of pain*. *Pain*, 1976. 2(2): p. 175-184.