



Guide to Pain Classification by Surgical Procedure

Procedures potentially causing MILD pain
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimally invasive procedures (e.g. bronchoscopy, laparoscopic surgeries)• Ventricular shunt insertion• Ventricular access device (VAD) insertion• Myelomeningocele repair• Patent ductus arteriosus device closure• Colostomy creation• Local stoma reversal/closure• Uncomplicated inguinal hernia repair• Gastroschisis patch repair with no previous silo (primary repair)• Gastrostomy tube insertion
Procedures potentially causing MODERATE to SEVERE pain
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Abdominal drain insertion• Chest tube insertion• Tracheostomy/critical airway procedure• Incarcerated hernia repair• Omphalocele (small)• Gastroschisis closure (uncomplicated)• Gastroschisis silo insertion with spring and suture• Thoracoscopic procedures• Congenital diaphragmatic hernia (CDH) repair• Esophageal atresia and/or tracheoesophageal repair• Patent ductus arteriosus ligation• Thoracotomy• Laparotomy (excludes colostomy creation)• Nissen fundoplication +/- gastrostomy tube insertion• Operative necrotizing enterocolitis• Gastroschisis or omphalocele closure under tension