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Subjective Opiate Withdrawal Scale (SOWS)

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Instructions: We want to know how you're feeling. In the column below today's date and time, use the scale to write in a number from 0-4 about how you feel about each symptom <u>right now</u>.

Scale:	0 = not at all	1 = a little	2 = moderately	3 = quite a bit		4 = extremely	
	DATE						
	TIME						
	SYMPTOM	SCORE	SCORE	SCORE	SCORE	SCORE	
1	I feel anxious						
2	I feel like yawning						
3	I am perspiring						
4	My eyes are tearing						
5	My nose is running						
6	I have goosebumps						
7	I am shaking						
8	I have hot flushes						
9	I have cold flushes						
10	My bones and						
	muscles ache						
11	I feel restless						
12	I feel nauseous						
13	I feel like vomiting						
14	My muscles twitch						
15	I have stomach						
	cramps						
16	I feel like using now						
	TOTAL						

Mild withdrawal = score of 1 - 10Moderate withdrawal = 11 - 20Severe withdrawal = 21 - 30

Source: Reprinted from Handelsman et al. 1987, p. 296