Keeping a record of your loved one’s pain on a daily or weekly basis can help the healthcare team understand the nature and extent of the pain and how to manage it. You can use this pain log to help your loved one track his or her pain. When filling in the “Descriptions of Pain” field, consider the following questions:

- Where is the pain? (For example, is it in one location or many?)
- How does the pain feel? (For example, is it sharp, dull, burning or throbbing?)
- When does the pain happen? (For example, does the pain occur when standing or moving?)
- What activities does it prevent? (For example, does the pain make it hard to shower or dress?)

| DATE    | TIME             | DESCRIPTIONS OF PAIN                                                                 | PAIN LEVEL
|---------|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------
| Example: 3/1 | 6:00 am to 7:00 pm | Sharp, shooting pains in lower back and legs that woke me from sleep                | 9           |
| Example: 3/2 | 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm | Constant gnawing pain in lower back while sitting at desk. Had to leave work early. Felt better once I was able to lie down. | 7           |