

## **PAIN DIARY EXAMPLE**

Date	Time of Day	Pain rating	Did you take medicine?	Pain rating 1 hour after medicine	Did you try any pain strategies?	Describe your pain
Sunday, June 12	Morning	6	Yes) No Extra strength Tylenol 2 tablets	6	Yes/No I tried some relaxation exercises but the phone kept ringing. At one paint I picked up the phone and it was my sister. We ended up talking for an hour and a half. That really took my mind off my pain	Throbbing headache and tightness in neck.
	Afternoon	4	Yes No		Yes/No	A slight headache
	Evening	2	Yes No		Yes/No	A slight headache
	Night	7	Yes) No Extra strength Tylenol 2 tablets	5	Yes/No I did some relaxation exercises successfully and also took a hot bath. That sure helped!	Throbbing headache, tightness in neck and shoulders

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