



## Reference List & Recommended Reading



### Module 4: Assessing sedative states COMFORT Original Score

#### Useful articles for further reading on COMFORT Score development and validity

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Marx CM, Smith PG, Lowrie LH, Hamlett KW, Ambuel B, Yamashita TS & Blumer JL(1994) Optimal sedation of mechanically ventilated pediatric critical care patients. *Critical Care Medicine* Volume: 22 Issue 1 (1994) 163-170

#### Useful articles for further reading on nurse titrated analgesia and sedation in the PICU

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