

## PRESCRIBING PAIN MEDICATION ACCORDING TO THE WHO-PAIN LADDER

### The adjectives and the degree of comparison

Structures	Examples
<p>a. <b>Positive</b></p> <p>b. <b>Comparativ:</b> We use comparative adjectives to describe people and things.</p> <p><b>Comparative of superiority:</b></p> <p>One syllable adjective +-er: mild+er: milder</p> <p>Two syllable adjective ending in -y +ier: easy-easier</p> <p>Two or more syllable adjectives +more: more painful</p> <p><b>Comparative of inferiority</b></p> <p>less+ adj</p>	<p>The patient feels a <b>strong</b> pain.</p> <p>Mr X's condition is <b>more serious</b> than Mr Y's.</p> <p>The treatment is <b>more effective</b>.</p> <p>This procedure is <b>easier</b> than yesterday's procedure.</p> <p>Mr X's condition is <b>less serious</b> than Mr Y's.</p>
<p><b>Comparison of equality</b></p> <p>a. Positive</p> <p>b. Negative</p>	<p>Mr X's condition is <b>as serious</b> as Mr Y's.</p> <p>Mr X's condition is not <b>as serious</b> as Mr Y's.</p>

<p>We use superlative adjectives to compare one person or thing with several other people or things of the same kind.</p> <p>a. Superiority: One syllable: The ...-est: the mildest Two syllable adjective ending in -y: the easiest Two or more syllable adjectives +more: the most painful</p> <p>b. Inferiority: the least +adjective c. Absolute: very+adjective</p>	<p>Mr X's condition is <b>the mildest</b> of all patients. Mr X's condition is <b>the most serious</b> of all patients. Mr X's condition is <b>the least serious</b> of all patients. Mr X's condition is very serious.</p>
<p><b>Irregular adjectives</b> Good-better- the best Bad- worse- the worst Little-less-the least</p>	<p>The patient is <b>better</b> today. The pain gets <b>worse</b> at night. You'll feel <b>less</b> pain if you take this medicine.</p>

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