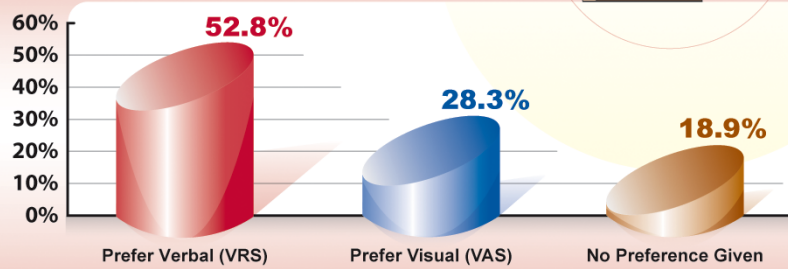


Are Your Patients Verbal or Visual?

A study in the *Journal of Rheumatology* found that the Verbal Rating Scale (VRS) and the Visual Analog Scale (VAS) are both valid measures of pain intensity, but significantly more patients prefer the VRS to the VAS when asked to rate their pain:



Preference for Particular Pain Rating Scale



SOURCE: Clark P, Lavielle P, Martinez H. Learning from pain scales: patient perspective. *Journal of Rheumatology*, July 2003;30(7), pp1584-88.