psychological and social/cultural factors that influence an individual’s experience of pain

1. Past Experience with pain
   - Older patients broader experience of pain, less pain in current situation (Ritchie et al. 2014).

2. Gender
   - traditionally masculine identities refrain from public expression of pain (Garcia et al. 2007).
   - (find further support)

3. Empathy
   - Individuals observing other people’s pain may experience similar pain due to triggers in the neural networks (Fitzgibbon et al. 2010).
   - (find further support)

4. Heritage
   - Japanese heritage had lower pain response when compared with Caucasian higher emphasis on stoicism in Japanese culture (Komiyama, Kawara & De Laat 2007).
   - (find further support)