

Table 4-1: Classification of Pain

## **Nociceptive Pain**

- Results from stimulation of intact 'nociceptors' (pain receptors)
- Includes: somatic pain (involving skin, soft tissue, muscle, bone); visceral pain (involving internal organs, hollow viscera)
- Responds to opioid and non-opioid analgesics

## **Neuropathic Pain**

- Results from stimulation of damaged or compromised nerve tissue
- Responds to opioid and non-opioid analgesics AND adjuvant medications