

Fall Prevention GSH

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Fall Goal



- To measure how well the facility is assessing patients at risk for falls and to what degree the interventions (fall precautions) are effective.
- Target – NO EVENTS

In The Beginning



Fall Definition:

- Includes all witnessed and un-witnessed fall events involving inpatients, including those found on floor. Excluded are outpatient; ED; visitor or volunteer falls; patients assisted to floor; falls on psych, rehab, skilled units.

Providing the Tools



- Education
- Fall Prevention Equipment
- Standardized Medical Record Documentation
- Review of Fall Protocol Implementation
- Review of reported falls
- Reporting of data and action plans

Standardized Documentation



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                                     === FALL RISK ASSESSMENT ===
Is patient Responsive: [REDACTED]
Is patient following fall prevention directions: [REDACTED]

Fall Risk Elements: [REDACTED] ↑
Add'l Fall Risk Elements: [REDACTED] ↓
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Update Date of Last Fall: [REDACTED]
Month/Year of Last Fall: [REDACTED]

Fall Risk Comment: [REDACTED] ↑
↓High Risk for Falls: [REDACTED]

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Standardized Documentation



Fall Precautions:



Fall Precautions Comment:



Fall this account/visit:

Standardized Documentation



- Alert: Signage (i.e. Armband, chart, door)
- Non-Slip Footwear used:
- Assisted: Mobility
- Assisted with ADL's:
- Tethered devices: Moved poles to exit side of bed, secure tubes
- Emphasized to call nurse before getting out of bed:

- Assess Elimination needs Q2H:
- Toileted patient Q2H while awake:
- Toileted patient at bedtime and at night:

- Bed Alarm in Use:
- Low Bed in use:
- Dim light on at Night:

- PT Screening Requested:
- Dietary Screening Requested:
- Consulted: Pharmacy
- Diversional Activities

Standardized Documentation



Assisted: Minimize effects of Orthostatic Hypotension
Sitter Used:
Other fall precautions in use:

Fall Precautions Comment:



Next Steps



- Continued Education
- Ensuring Compliance
- Closing the loop with the employee
- Continued Employee Engagement in Process