

Quick Tip

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Falls Prevention



Q-Tip #20

- Effective fall prevention and injury reduction requires an interdisciplinary approach and support from all levels of PRH.
- Universal interventions at the hospital aim to reduce the risk of falls for everyone who comes in the hospital:
 - Familiarizing patients to the environment
 - Keep call bells within reach and observe patients demonstrate their use
 - Keep floors and care areas clean, dry & uncluttered
 - Sturdy handrails in bathrooms, rooms & hallways
- PRH's coordinated approach includes these strategies:
 1. Document appropriately, report all falls in RIMS & conduct Post-Fall Huddles with team, patient and families
 2. Perform *Morse Fall Scale* **fall risk tool** on all admitted patients, and screen outpatient populations age 65 and older; administer additional "Falls" precautions as required
 3. Wear appropriate footwear & stay alert of environmental surroundings

Preventing falls is everyone's responsibility!

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More Information:

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Discussion/Activities

Clinical

- How you assess & document a patients fall risk?
- What does effective fall prevention and injury reduction contribute to?
- Who is responsible for preventing falls at PRH?
- As part of the post-fall response, what is the most appropriate way to report a patient fall?

Non-Clinical

- What is your role in preventing falls at PRH? What would you do if you witnessed a fall in your area?
- What does effective fall prevention and injury reduction contribute to?
- Who is responsible for preventing falls at PRH?