

Post-Fall Audit Tool

For Reliability of the Protocol

	Type of Measure	Reliability of the Protocol (Yes or No)	Quality Improvement Data	Notes
Step 1: Announcement				
Staff Member in charge of the patient makes an announcement to convene the post fall huddle	Process		List Leader (RN, CN, etc.)	
Staff Member becomes the Team Leaders of the Huddle	Structure			
Step 2: Gathering				
3-4 members of the clinical team who know the patient gather for the huddle	Structure		List Who Attends	
The huddle includes the patient/resident	Structure			
If family present, family is included in the huddle	Structure		List Who Attends	
The huddle occurs where the patient fell	Structure		Identify Location of Fall	
The huddle convenes within 15 minutes of the fall	Process			
Step 3: Analysis				
Team analyses the fall event to determine root cause of the fall	Process		Document Root Cause	
Team determines type of fall that occurred based on root cause	Process		Document Type of Fall	
Team determines intervention to prevent repeat fall from occurring based on root cause of the fall	Process		Document Intervention to prevention Repeat Fall	
If injury occurred, team determines root cause of injury	Process		Document Root Cause of Injury	
Team determines injury protection intervention to prevent recurrent fall	Process		Document Intervention to prevent recurrent Injury	

	Type of Measure	Reliability of the Protocol (Yes or No)	Quality Improvement Data	Notes
Step 4: Consensus				
Team leader summarizes post fall huddle, analysis and resulting interventions	Process			
Step 5: Complete the Post Fall Huddle Intervention				
Team Leader completes the post fall huddle form	Process			
Team leader processes the post fall huddle form based on organizational policy and procedure (i.e. copy to Nurse Manager and copy to Patient Safety Officer)	Process		Document Recipients of the completed Post Fall Huddle Form	
Step 6: Modification of Plan of Care				
Appropriate clinician modifies the fall and injury prevention care plan to include root cause of fall	Process			
Appropriate clinician modifies the fall and injury prevention care plan to include intervention to prevent recurrent fall based on root cause	Process			
Appropriate clinician modifies the fall and injury prevention care plan to include intervention to prevent recurrent injury based on root causes	Process			
Step 7: Communication of Change in Plan of Care				
RN communicates fall event and root cause of fall and injury in the handoff process	Process			
RNs upon patient handoff communicate changes in plan of care related to fall and injury to oncoming nursing staff	Process			
Step 8: Continue Post Fall Management				
RN completes further comprehensive patient assessment and evaluation post fall (i.e. Vital signs, changes in ROM, assessment of pain, etc.)	Process			
RN completes post fall note in the EMR	Process			
Nurse Manager follows up with staff to assure post fall interventions were implemented	Process			
Nurse Manager follows up with patient and family if available, to engage the patient in follow-up interventions to prevent recurrent fall and injury	Process			