

INsight Risk Assessment for Falls Prevention

Fast, effective way to assess risks

ECRI Institute's web-based risk assessment survey provides perspectives from the front-line to leadership to help the organization assess the strength of their fall prevention program. Reports are generated based on survey results to help identify problems so you can focus on improvements.

Sample questions addressed in the web-based survey:

- ▶ Management encourages staff to report unsafe conditions that may cause a fall. (Communication and information flow)
- ▶ There is adequate equipment to implement falls prevention actions planned for each high risk patient. (Equipment safety and updated technology)
- ▶ Does an interdisciplinary team evaluate the effectiveness of new patient falls prevention technology after implementation? (Evaluation and monitoring)
- ▶ Does the facility's interior design help reduce injury from falling? (Falls prevention strategies)
- ▶ Staff document patient falls risk assessments according to facility expectations? (Falls risk assessment)
- ▶ Management seeks feedback from staff about the effectiveness of falls prevention interventions in use at the facility. (Leadership and accountability)
- ▶ A pharmacist reviews a patient's medication profile for high falls risk. (Medication safety issues)
- ▶ Patients (and their families, if applicable) are educated that falling is a known side effect of certain medications. (Patient information and education)
- ▶ An incident report is completed after a patient near fall. (Patient safety and incident response)
- ▶ How familiar are you with how to respond to a patient fall? (Staff competency and education)

Key areas:

Communication/information flow
Equipment safety/updated technology
Evaluation/monitoring
Falls prevention strategies
Falls risk assessment
Leadership/accountability
Medication safety issues
Patient information /education
Patient safety incident response
Staff competency and education



Take the first step in reducing risk associated with falls.

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