

Fall TIPS (Tailoring Interventions for Patient Safety) Talking Points

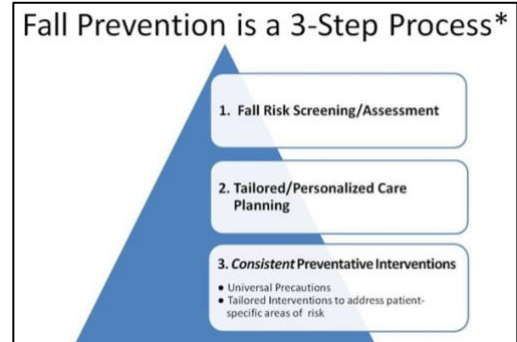
What is Fall TIPS?

- Fall TIPS the only fall prevention tool with over a decade of research showing that it prevents patient falls and fall related injuries in hospitals
- After completing the Morse Fall Scale documentation in eCare, nurses can fill out the laminated Fall TIPS bed poster located in each patient’s room
- Each risk factor for the Morse Fall Scale is linked with one or more evidence-based interventions
- This Fall TIPS bed poster (report) can be used as:
 - An educational tool for the patient and family members
 - A communication tool between nurses, PCAs, and other bedside caregivers

Patient Name: _____		Date: _____		
Increased Risk of Harm if You Fall <input type="checkbox"/>	Fall Interventions (Circle selection based on color)			
Fall Risks (Check all that apply)		Communicate Recent Fall and/or Risk of Harm <input type="checkbox"/>	Walking Aids <input type="checkbox"/>	
History of Falls <input type="checkbox"/>	Medication Side Effects <input type="checkbox"/>	Crutches <input type="checkbox"/>	Cane <input type="checkbox"/>	Walker <input type="checkbox"/>
Walking Aid <input type="checkbox"/>	IV Pole or Equipment <input type="checkbox"/>	IV Assistance When Walking <input type="checkbox"/>		Toileting Schedule: Every _____ hours
Unsteady Walk <input type="checkbox"/>	May Forget or Choose Not to Call <input type="checkbox"/>	Bed Pan <input type="checkbox"/>	Assist to Commode <input type="checkbox"/>	Assist to Bathroom <input type="checkbox"/>
Bed Alarm On <input type="checkbox"/>		Assistance Out of Bed		
		Bed Rest <input type="checkbox"/>	1 person <input type="checkbox"/>	2 people <input type="checkbox"/>

Why implement Fall TIPS?

- Falls in the hospital are a serious problem
 - 3% of patients fall a year, 30% of these falls results in injuries
- Patient falls can be prevented using the 3-step fall prevention process:
 1. Completing a Fall risk assessment using the MFS with the patient at the bedside
 2. Creating a tailored or personalized care plan based on the individual patient’s risk factors
 3. Partnering with the patient/family to consistently implement the interventions



Next Steps

- Nurse Champions on each unit will be responsible for
 - Educating staff members about Fall TIPS
 - Identifying barriers to implementation and addressing workarounds
 - Conducting Fall TIPS Patient Engagement Audits (3 questions):
 1. Is the patient’s Fall TIPS poster updated and hanging at the bedside?
 2. Can the patient/family verbalize the patient’s fall risk factors?
 3. Can the patient/family verbalize the patient’s personalized fall prevention plan?