



Healthcare Organization Commitment

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What Patient Safety Challenge does your Commitment address?

Challenge 14 - Falls and Fall Prevention

Commitment Name

Zero Falls with injury for our patients - Update - 11.20.2019

How many hospitals are represented in this commitment?

Last Report	Current
1	1

Did you download and use the APSS in tandem with your action plan?

Yes

If yes, was the APSS valuable?

Yes

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Commitment Update

The process for patient fall risk was revised and interventions reviewed. The development of an all or nothing approach for patients at risk was established and a fall bundle was created. Each patient at risk would be visually identified using yellow non skid socks, door magnets, and wristbands in addition to bed alarms and chair alarms when out of bed. Additional strategies' included frequent observation and hourly rounding. A new computer based learning module was created for both clinical and non-clinical staff with an accountability statement. This created a base line for expectations from both the clinical and non-clinical care partner. Review of clinical equipment for function and efficacy as well as development of a new process for patient safety when out of bed for all at risk patients. Ancillary staff such as EVS and dietary were also enlisted for alarms awareness and response to alarms. This involved a "hands on or within interventional range" for out of bed activity. Support for additional initiatives such as care team rounds, early ambulation and hourly rounds which can have a direct impact on patient safety and the Zero Falls with injury safety initiative.

Please describe any best practices your organization has learned through your commitment and share valuable lessons or challenges that were overcome.

We have learned that we have inconsistent use of bed alarms. Educated staff, patients and families for the purposes and use of the bed alarms, monitoring for compliance. We have purchased chair alarms for ambulatory fall risk patients to preserve their normal ADLs. We have revised our post-fall assessment tool to include more detail as to the 'why & how'.

Action Plan

Impact Details

Lives Saved

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