Healthcare Organization Commitment

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APSS

Have you reviewed the Patient Safety Movement Foundation’s Actionable Patient Safety Solutions (APSS)?
Yes

What Patient Safety Challenge does your Commitment address?
Challenge 14A - Falls and Fall Prevention in Adults
Commitment Name
Fall Injury Prevention

How Many Hospitals Will This Commitment Represent?
3

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Commitment Details

Commitment Summary
Reduction of all Unassisted Falls as well as Falls with Injury has been a long-time MemorialCare Bold Goal. A system-wide Falls team complements the activities of each hospital to implement best practices including those noted in the APSS, plus the use of telesitter and real-time monitoring technology. We have reduced Unassisted Falls from 2.79 per 1000 inpatient days down to 1.46, a reduction of a relative 48%, and to below the CALNOC Mean of 1.61. Our Bold Goal calls for us to get to the CALNOC Top 25th, or a rate of 0.97, a relative reduction from the 2.79 baseline of 66%, or another 21% to go. Our Fall rate for moderate+ injury according to CALNOC definitions has varied between 0.08 to 0.12 over the years.

Action Plan
Drilldown of our data shows 60% of patients with falls with moderate/severe injury are on anticoagulation therapy - team is working with our Pharmacy to identify patients proactively in the EHR. In addition, Falls team is leveraging Rounds+ for post-fall huddle documentation, as well as evaluating the use of Hester Davis tool for falls assessment. Team will re-review the APSS checklist for any gaps.

Impact Details

Lives Saved
Tell us about your baseline level of harm:
0.08

Next, make a prediction (goal) from your baseline above for 1 year from today. We’ll give you the opportunity to update us next year on the actuals:
0.04

Lives Saved:
7
Methodology for Determining Lives Saved:
CALNOC methodology for Moderate+ Injuries per 1000 inpatient days. Current mean for CALNOC is 0.06 (top 25th is zero).