Healthcare Organization Commitment

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Commitment Details

Commitment Name
Falls reduction

What Patient Safety Challenge does your Commitment address?
Challenge 14A - Falls and fall prevention in adults

Commitment Start Date
01/01/2016

How Many Hospitals Will This Commitment Represent
Commitment Summary
Falls, whether they result in injury or not, negatively impact our patients and staff members. Falls which result in injury may increase length of stay, require transfers to higher levels of care, and/or surgical intervention. By focusing on the most serious fall events, we shift the attention away from proactively addressing preventable falls (Accidental and Anticipated Physiologic). For the rolling calendar year of July 2016 to June 2017, 1509 patients sustained a fall in a Kaiser Permanente Northern California medical center. In comparison, 24 patients sustained a fall that resulted in a major injury. Organizational Importance Falls can increase hospital length of stay an average 6.27 days.

Commitment Description & Detail
Executive Leadership as sponsors and embedded in governance over project Indicator included on leadership performance dashboard Performance tied to remuneration

Action Plan
Toolkit includes: Patient risk stratification for falls in electronic medical record Interventions assigned to risk scores visual management for both patients and staff regarding level of risk Post fall assessment and root cause analysis to capture lessons learned Bed alarm and chair alarm Hourly rounding Leader rounding delirium management Patient/family education

Commitment Timeline
December 2018- ongoing as we strive for zero

Impact Details

Lives Saved
Lives Spared Total =
0

For reporting purposes, the number has been rounded up to the nearest whole number.
Lives Spared Total
0