National Audit of Inpatient Falls (NAIF) - January 2019

Clinical Audit Proforma

	QUESTIONS	HELP NOTES	GUIDANCE / RATIONALE
NHS Number (Audit or other patient reference):			
1.1	**Is the fall categorically known to have occurred for this patient?**		
	○ Yes ○ No **If you answer 'No', there will be no further questions to answer.**	Only answer 'No' if there is no evidence of a fall recorded in any of the patient's clinical records or in organisational incident reporting systems during the inpatient stay in question.	
Fall details			
2.1	**Time and date of fall which caused hip fracture**		
	DD / MM / YYYY HH : MM	If there were several falls and it is not clear which fall resulted in the fracture, use clinical judgement.	This question will enable us to track the time it took from the fall happening to the fracture being diagnosed
2.2	**Time and date when the patient was admitted to the hospital where the fall resulting in the hip fracture occurred**		
	DD / MM / YYYY HH : MM	This admission date relates to the date the patient was admitted to the inpatient setting where the fall resulting in hip fracture occurred. Not the admission for the treatment of the hip fracture.	This question will enable us to assess how long the patient was an inpatient in the location where they fractured before having the fall that resulted in hip fracture
2.3	**Type of ward where fall that resulted in the hip fracture happened?**		
	○ Admissions unit ○ Medical ○ Mental health ward ○ Older persons / frailty ward ○ Rehab ward ○ Surgical ○ Trauma and orthopaedic ward ○ Other	Admissions unit e,g, Emergency department (ED), Acute Medicine Unit (AMU) or Clinical Decision Unit (CDU) or equivalent. If your Trust does not have wards categorised as medical, surgical, admissions unit, older persons/frailty, rehab or mental health ward, select 'other'	

NICE compliant protocols Evidence that a NICE compliant post fall protocol was followed (for the fall that caused the hip fracture):			
3.1	**Is there documented evidence in the clinical notes that the patient was checked for signs or symptoms of potential for spinal injury and fracture before they were moved?**		
	○ Yes - injury suspected ○ Yes - no injury suspected ○ No	If there is no outcome of the check for signs and symptoms documented in the clinical notes, answer no.	https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs86/chapter/Quality-statement-4-Checks-for-injury-after-an-inpatient-fall
3.2	**What manual handling method was used to move the patient following the fall that resulted in the hip fracture?** (as documented in the clinical notes)		
	○ Hoist ○ Flat lifting equipment ○ Ambulance service equipment ○ Staff assisted to get up (without equipment) ○ Got up independently ○ Method not documented	Note: record as 'Staff assisted to get up' if the patient was moved without equipment being used.	https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs86/chapter/Quality-statement-5-Safe-manual-handling-after-an-inpatient-fall
3.3	**Is there documented evidence that the patient had a medical assessment following the fall that resulted in the hip fracture?**		
	○ Yes - medical assessment (or transfer to ED organised) within 30 minutes ○ Yes - medical assessment within 12 hours ○ No - medical assessment not recorded or it was undertaken more than 12 hours after fall.	This assessment should be performed by a medically qualified person (as stated in CG161). However, in settings where a doctor is not on site 24/7, a competent health care professional (other than a doctor) can perform an assessment to determine whether a fast track (transfer to emergency department) or routine follow-up (review within 12 hours) is required.	https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs86/chapter/Quality-statement-6-Medical-examination-after-an-inpatient-fall
3.4	**What level of harm was attributed to the fall that resulted in the hip fracture?**		
	○ Death ○ Severe harm ○ Moderate harm ○ Low harm ○ No harm	Please indicate the level of harm attributed to this fall as validated in your local reporting system (i.e. Datix /Ulysses / other).	See NRLS guidance https://report.nrls.nhs.uk/nrlsreporting/

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