



National audit of inpatient falls 'how to' guide

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Audit components

Clinical audit

- Evidence of record of fall resulting in hip fracture
- Evidence of assessment and intervention in case notes

Audit standards

Primarily derived from NICE CG 161 (Falls: assessment and prevention) and NICE QS 86 (Falls in older people), with additional standards derived from evidence-based guidance from NICE, NPSA and the MHRA.

Clinical audit

Evidence of assessment and intervention in case notes

Type of data: retrospective

Time period: Data for the case note reviews will be collected from 1 January 2019 onwards on an ongoing basis

Which patients should be included in the audit?

No case finding will be required. You will be alerted of cases to include in this audit via an automatically generated email, triggered by data entered on to the National Hip Fracture Database independently of this audit. Patients included in the audit will be patients who have fallen in your trust and sustained a hip fracture, with hip fracture diagnosis date from 00:01 on 1 January 2019 onwards. Patients included should be 60 years old or above.

Case note review (evidence of falls assessment and intervention in case notes)

Data are collected from all types of notes (medical, nursing, therapy and drug charts) and entered onto the online webtool using your secure log in. The case note reviews would require input from clinical staff with falls prevention knowledge.

Data entry

For the clinical audit, the data should be entered into the crown audit webtool using your secure log in. You will be notified of the cases to complete for this audit via email. When you receive the email, log in to the NAIF webtool and you will see the patient identifier for the patient to include in the

audit. Please complete the record. The webtool will display the percentage completion for the record as it is completed (e.g. 50% complete when half of the patient's record has been completed). We would advise audit leads to identify administrative support for local data entry. To enter data on to the crown webtool, users will need to have an account set up. Additional users can be added after the initial registration form has been submitted, as long as the identified lead confirms authorisation. Please endeavour to complete the record within 30 days of receiving the email notification.

References

NICE Clinical Guideline 161: *Falls: assessment and prevention of falls in older people* (National Institute for Health and Care Excellence, 2013).

NICE Clinical Guideline 103: *Delirium: diagnosis, prevention and management* (National Institute for health and Clinical Excellence, 2010).

NICE Quality Standard 86: *Falls in older people* (National Institute for health and Clinical Excellence, 2015).

NPSA: *Slips trips and falls in hospital* (National Patient Safety Agency, 2007).

Patient Safety First: *The How to guide for reducing harm from falls* (Patient Safety First, 2009).

MHRA Device Bulletin 2013: *The safe use of bed rails*. (The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency, 2013).

RCP: Implementing FallSafe: care bundles to reduce inpatient falls (The Royal College of Physicians, 2009)

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