

Outline

How to Prevent Falls Before They Occur

Who is likely to fall?
Which risk factors can we modify?
Precipitating causes - what to watch for
Institutional barriers - avoiding 1:1s
Important implications of co-morbidities
The benefits of vitamin D

Fall Risk Assessment

Current guidelines
Who should we screen?
Multi-factorial causes of falls
Recommended fall risk assessments

Fall Prevention Strategies

What works and what does not
Addressing alarm fatigue
Avoiding 1:1s
Effective evidence-based interventions
Education & assistive devices

Putting Together a Successful Fall Prevention Program

Patient specific interventions
Developing a multidisciplinary program: Roles & responsibilities
Fall rounds

Patient Evaluation

History
Physical exam
Evaluation tools (POMA tool, Get up and go test, Functional reach test, Berg balance test, Short physical performance battery)
Diagnostic tests
Review of Gait Disorders (video)

What to do When a Patient Falls: Hands-On Evaluation

Assess need for immediate medical care
Evaluate for acute illness/preceding factors
Communication with caregivers
Common injuries
Goals of care

Difficult Situations

Frequent fallers - when injury prevention is your goal!
Anticoagulation risks
Prolonged time on floor
What to do when fractures occur
Head trauma management

Preventing Risk and Limiting Liability

Home safety evaluations
Communication and documentation
Quality improvement opportunities
High-risk scenarios: Case studies
Addressing family concerns with falls
Managing poor outcomes

Fall Prevention Plan Development

Apply what we have learned
Solutions for your biggest challenges!



Objectives

1. Evaluate precipitating causes for falls so that preventative measures can be in place.
2. Formulate a comprehensive evaluation for high fall risk patients.
3. Analyze medications that are known to contribute in various ways to fall risks.
4. Assess the risk for adverse patient outcome and need for urgent intervention.
5. Determine the tools necessary for a multidisciplinary fall prevention program.
6. Select patient-specific fall prevention interventions for a successful fall prevention plan.
7. Evaluate the impact of common gait disorders on fall risk.

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- Which fall prevention interventions are effective - and which are not?
- Tips to effectively manage your high risk & challenging patients
- The must-have tools for an effective multidisciplinary fall prevention program
- Identify risk: The latest guidelines for fall risk assessments
- New technology available to prevent falls and limit injury
- Comprehensive patient evaluations following a fall



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Falls frequently result in significant adverse effects not only to patients but also to families and institutions. The far-reaching effects of falls make fall prevention an important topic for all healthcare providers. Falls are associated with increased morbidity and mortality and are frequently a source of litigation and insurance claim denial. The impact of falls is extensive from psychologically to financially. The complex multifactorial causes of falls, such as cognitive disorders, gait impairment and environmental factors, make fall prevention a challenge; however, there are evidence-based interventions available to mitigate the risks for even the most challenging situations.

Healthcare professionals are increasingly aware of the importance of fall data, adverse effects from falls and limited staffing resources to provide 1:1 supervision to prevent falls. This seminar will provide realistic, efficient, and effective solutions to address falls. Learn best practice guidelines, evidenced-based interventions and prevention strategies, as well as how to apply this knowledge to your practice setting. This seminar will provide a hands-on, logical step-by-step approach to develop effective fall prevention plans to reduce falls, prevent injuries and limit liability. Join me for this comprehensive and dynamic seminar to explore your challenges and develop solutions for your struggles with falls.



Speaker

M. Catherine Wollman, MSN, RN, GNP-BC, has been a gerontological nurse practitioner for over 25 years, caring for older adults in acute care, long-term care and home care. Catherine has served as the Director of Senior Health for a large hospital system offering a full spectrum of services, including prevention, acute care, and rehabilitation. In this capacity, she managed outpatient services for seniors and cared for 100 high-risk older adults. As a faculty member at the University of Pennsylvania, she worked with a nationally-recognized transitional care program for high-risk older adults. Currently, she teaches clinical GNP students in PA. Throughout the variety of settings in which Catherine has worked, fall prevention has been an area of interest and opportunity.

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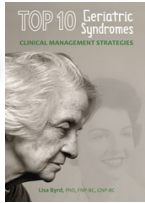
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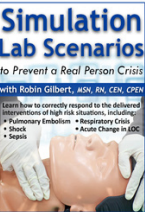
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By Lisa Byrd, Ph.D., FNP-BC, GNP-BC, Gerontologist

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By Robin Gilbert, MSN, RN, CEN, CPEN

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