

# Fall Prevention Our Journey To Improvement

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# St. Mary's at a Glance

  
**693**  
BABIES BORN



**6,604**

TOTAL ADMISSIONS



**306**

PHYSICIANS



**899**

COLLEAGUES



**236**

NURSES



**150,765**

OUTPATIENT REGISTRATIONS



**39,259**

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISITS

**3,196**

SURGICAL CASES



**288**

VOLUNTEERS



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Hospital

# HSHS St. Mary's Hospital, Decatur

SENATE DISTRICT 48 HOUSE DISTRICT 96



## PATIENT SAFETY



## Reducing falls for high-risk patients

Multidisciplinary teams implemented several interventions including:

- ▶ Purposeful hourly rounding
- ▶ Multidisciplinary rounding
- ▶ Addressing pain management needs
- ▶ Patient safety and environmental inspection
- ▶ Plan of care focused on patients needs

### Patient, Family & Community Impact



Improves patient safety



Improves patient outcomes



Reduces mortality

### Saving Lives, Saving Dollars



Launch date: January 2016



# Where we started...



So what did  
we do....

# Assessment upon admission

- ▶ Hendrich II fall risk model scoring
- ▶ >5 = high risk
- ▶ Care Plan
- ▶ Socks, arm band, light outside room, bed alarm
- ▶ Assessment for sitter need

### Guide for House Supervisor

**GENERAL:**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Time:</b>
<b>Patient Name:</b>	<b>Dept:</b>
<b>Requested by:</b>	<b>Estimated Sitter time (hours):</b>

**INDICATION:**

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Suicidal Patient<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Cognitive Impairment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 1:1 Observation</li> <li>o Direct Observation</li> </ul> | <input type="checkbox"/> Homicidal Patient |
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**PATIENT SAFETY ALTERNATIVES ATTEMPTED:**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed/chair exit alarm<br><input type="checkbox"/> Personal alarm device<br><input type="checkbox"/> Offer family option to stay with patient<br><input type="checkbox"/> Pain management – Review medications<br><input type="checkbox"/> Decrease stimulation<br><input type="checkbox"/> Patient reminders<br><input type="checkbox"/> Low bed<br><input type="checkbox"/> Side rails up while in bed<br><input type="checkbox"/> Increase day activity to tire patient for sleep | <input type="checkbox"/> Hourly rounding<br><input type="checkbox"/> Move patient closer to desk if appropriate<br><input type="checkbox"/> Supportive interaction with staff<br><input type="checkbox"/> Relaxation: music, reading, drawing<br><input type="checkbox"/> Snack, cold or hot drink<br><input type="checkbox"/> Bath/shower, cool washcloth<br><input type="checkbox"/> Repeated redirection<br><input type="checkbox"/> Set clear behavioral expectations<br><input type="checkbox"/> Diversion activities (crafts, cards, etc.)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Consider if medical restraint is appropriate |
|---|---|

**Comments:**

**Must be completed at minimum frequency of four (4) hours by Staffing Facilitator/House Supervisor**

<b>REASSESSMENT Date:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Covered by:</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Covered by:</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Covered by:</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Covered by:</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Covered by:</b>

<b>DISCONTINUATION Date:</b>	<b>Time:</b>
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**NOT PART OF PERMANENT RECORD**

### Sitter SBAR

**Patient Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for sitter: \_\_\_\_\_

Nurse name & phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Nurse station phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical equipment in place:**

- Oxygen
- Foley Catheter
- NG tube
- Telemetry
- IV location \_\_\_\_\_
- Dressing locations \_\_\_\_\_

**Meals:**

- Need assistance ordering
- Need assistance eating
- Independent
- Diet Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_
- Check meal tray for hazardous items
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Mobility:**

- Must stay in bed
- May get out of bed with assistance
- May get out of bed independently
- May walk in the hallway
- May not leave the room
- Bed alarm activated

**Toileting:**

- Sitter must maintain visual observation
- Nurse or aide must assist
- Independent

**Documentation:**

- ADL's as provided
- Close Observation every 15 minutes
- 1:1 Observation every 15 minutes

Special

Instructions: \_\_\_\_\_



## Daily Safety Huddles

New approach- 2019

Includes **all** team members

Each shift change

Not optional

5-8 minutes

Staff led

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Shift: 8A 8P

On coming RN/LPNs \_\_\_\_\_

PCTs \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Clerk \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

1. Start with a bright spot (e.g. compliment, shout out to team member, recognition of progress, metrics, "connect to purpose" reflection)

STANDARDIZED SHIFT HUDDLE AGENDA

### SAFETY RISKS

Who is at risk to fall? What are we going to do to prevent?	ROOM #s and Additional Interventions:		
What safety issue are we at risk for today? Wounds/Q2H/High Skin risks	RISK:	INTERVENTIONS- What are we going to do to reduce risk?	

### Patient Experience/Quality

Last Fall on unit:			
Patient Experience Measure	Goal:	Result:	Strategy for the shift:
[Insert one Quality Metric]	Goal:	Result:	Strategy for the shift:
Nurse Leader Rounding Results	Positives: Opportunities:	Recognized: Focus:	Notes:

### UNIT OPERATIONS

PICC/CENTRAL LINES	RM #s	TO BE DC'D/REASON
FOLEY CATHETERS	RM #s	TO BE DC'D/REASON
LOOSE STOOLS (tick sheets done?)		
EXPECTED ADMISSIONS- Surgical		
PATIENTS HOLDING FOR BEDS		
EXPECTED DISCHARGES/TRANSFER OUT		
ISOLATION PATIENTS	RM #s and Reason	
CONFUSED/NEED FOR SITTER		
VTE/Flu shot needs		
STROKE PATIENTS		

### SPECIFIC PATIENT POPULATION CHECKS

Dialysis	
Confidential/Suicide Patients	
Drips	
Ventilators	

2. End on a positive note (e.g. "shout out" to a team member; identify value of the month and who has exhibited; etc.)- **Example- Team work – someone working extra today...**
3. Additional huddle notes to review

# Purposeful hourly rounding

- ▶ Ensure patient's needs are met
- ▶ Studer partners
- ▶ Validation
- ▶ Support-Coach-Support

# LAPS- Leaders accountable for patient safety

- ▶ An IHA initiative
- ▶ Every weekday
- ▶ Review EPIC dashboards
- ▶ Discuss high risk patients





A Fall still  
happened:  
Then what

# Post fall huddle- Debrief

- ▶ House supervisor
- ▶ Charge nurse
- ▶ Provider if available (or notification occurs)
- ▶ All team members for patient
- ▶ Enter event in IRIS
- ▶ Addition of TEAMSTEP (2018-2019)



Patient Sticker HERE

## POST FALL HUDDLE

SECTION A: FALL EVENT DETAILS		
Date/Time of Fall:	Location of Fall:	House supervisor Notified: Y / N
Fall Risk Assessment Y/N upon admission:	Fall Risk Score Prior to Fall:	IRIS Entry <input type="checkbox"/>
Fall Precautions in place prior to fall: Yes No		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow wrist band <input type="checkbox"/> Star/Yellow light outside of room <input type="checkbox"/> Bed Alarm or Alarm on <input type="checkbox"/> 1:1 supervision <input type="checkbox"/> Sitter <input type="checkbox"/> Fall Sign <input type="checkbox"/> Low bed position <input type="checkbox"/> Fall Plan of Care <input type="checkbox"/> Non Skid socks   Other: _____		
Was fall witnessed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Who: _____		Was fall assisted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If fall was assisted, what transfer equipment was in use at time of fall?		
<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Gait belt <input type="checkbox"/> Walker <input type="checkbox"/> Cane <input type="checkbox"/> Lift equipment   Other: _____		
If patient fell from bed, number of side rails up at time of fall: _____		
If patient fell in BR, was staff person with him/her? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, why not?		
History of Falls in the last month <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Was staff injured in the patient fall <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
SECTION B: POST FALL HUDDLE – MINI ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS		
People present at Huddle (include names, titles):		
Contributing Factors (check all that apply):		
<input type="checkbox"/> Incontinent bowel or bladder <input type="checkbox"/> Confused/memory impaired <input type="checkbox"/> Dementia <input type="checkbox"/> Impulsive behavior <input type="checkbox"/> Dizzy <input type="checkbox"/> Altered gait/balance <input type="checkbox"/> Orthostatic B/P issues <input type="checkbox"/> Medications <input type="checkbox"/> Fall assessment score incorrect <input type="checkbox"/> Call light not available or within reach <input type="checkbox"/> Bed not in lowest position <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet related activities <input type="checkbox"/> High falls risk <input type="checkbox"/> Bed alarm/low bed malfunction <input type="checkbox"/> Left alone in bathroom <input type="checkbox"/> Dressing or changing <input type="checkbox"/> Transferring from bed, chair <input type="checkbox"/> Bed alarm not plugged in or turned on <input type="checkbox"/> Undergoing treatment		
Activity/Mobility Factors (check all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> Attempting OOB to toilet <input type="checkbox"/> Up in room ad lib <input type="checkbox"/> Bed rest		
<input type="checkbox"/> Chair/Wheelchair <input type="checkbox"/> Ambulating in hall <input type="checkbox"/> Transferring or w/assistance from: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		
Environmental/Equipment Factors (check all that apply):		
<input type="checkbox"/> Needed item out of reach <input type="checkbox"/> Improper footwear <input type="checkbox"/> Clothing issues <input type="checkbox"/> Cluttered area <input type="checkbox"/> Wet floor <input type="checkbox"/> Poor lighting <input type="checkbox"/> Faulty/broken equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Restraints   Other: _____		
Time of Last fall assessment: <input type="checkbox"/> 0-12 <input type="checkbox"/> 12-24 <input type="checkbox"/> 24-48 <input type="checkbox"/> 48-72 <input type="checkbox"/> > 72 hr.		
Last Fall Risk Assessment Score <input type="checkbox"/> High Risk <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate Risk <input type="checkbox"/> Low Risk <input type="checkbox"/> No Risk		
Fall Risk Assessment Post Fall <input type="checkbox"/> High Risk <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate Risk <input type="checkbox"/> Low Risk <input type="checkbox"/> No Risk		
Staffing at time of fall: <input type="checkbox"/> At Grid <input type="checkbox"/> Above Grid <input type="checkbox"/> Below Grid   Describe:		
What did the patient/family report was the reason for the fall?		
Why do Huddle members think this patient fell?		
Preventative measures taken to reduce the risk of another fall (check all that apply):		
<input type="checkbox"/> Pt/family education <input type="checkbox"/> Staff education <input type="checkbox"/> Care plan revised <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment replaced/repared <input type="checkbox"/> PT/OT consult <input type="checkbox"/> Pt moved closer to nursing station <input type="checkbox"/> Medications reviewed/adjusted <input type="checkbox"/> Bed alarm on <input type="checkbox"/> Low Bed placed <input type="checkbox"/> 1:1 sitter observation <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		

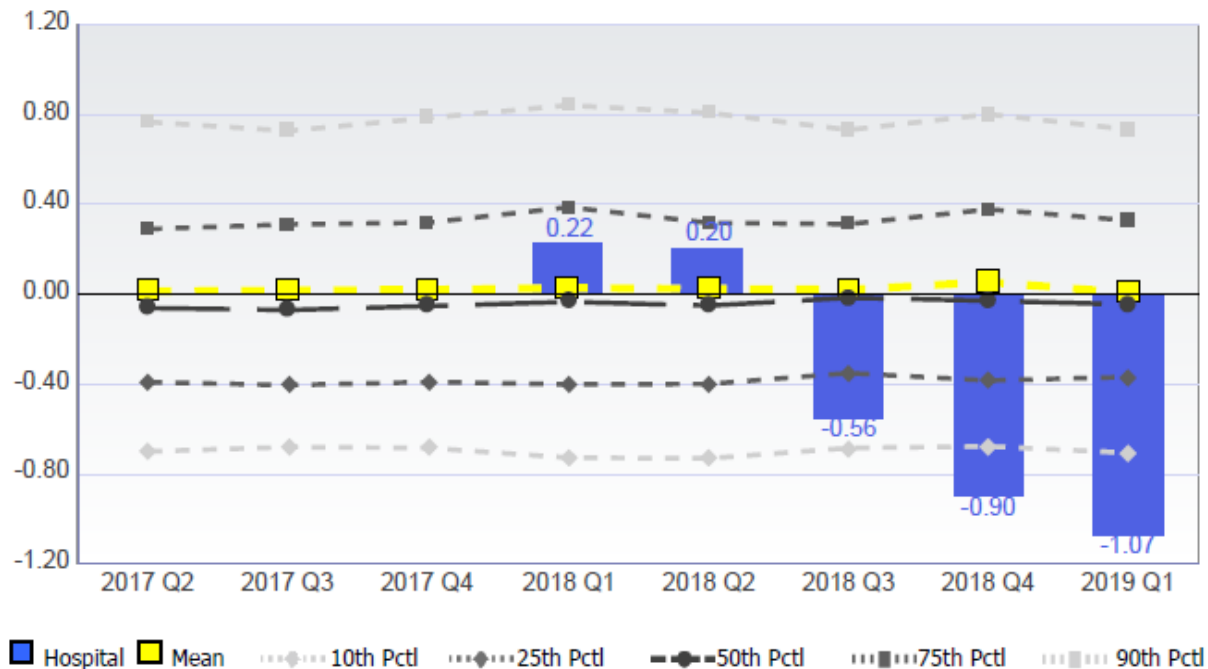
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# Harm events

- ▶ IRIS/Falls with harm, no harm
- ▶ Notification
- ▶ Safety huddle (transparent)
- ▶ If it happens here/happen other units
- ▶ 24 hour review by leader

# NDNQI

*Falls per 1000 patient days*



Metrics	2017 Q2	2017 Q3	2017 Q4	2018 Q1	2018 Q2	2018 Q3	2018 Q4	2019 Q1	Average
Hospital-Standardized Score	No Data	No Data	No Data	0.22	0.20	-0.56	-0.90	-1.07	-0.42



# Where do we go now?

- ▶ Stay with me
- ▶ Multidisciplinary training
  - ▶ RN, LPN
  - ▶ Care techs
  - ▶ Therapy
  - ▶ Health Clerks
- ▶ System approach
- ▶ 65% reduction in other ministries

# Fall Prevention Agreement

## Fall Prevention Agreement

1. I have been educated by my nurse that many of the following factors may put me at high risk for falls:
  - Medicines that make me weak and dizzy (such as medication for pain, nausea, or sleep)
  - Weakness due to bed rest
  - Being in an unfamiliar environment
  - Use of bulky patient care equipment (IV poles, lines, or pumps, monitor wires, oxygen tubing, surgical tubes)
  - Potential loss of control of urine or stool, as well as a need to go to the bathroom suddenly and/or frequently due to IV fluid or medication.
  - Recent Surgery/procedure
2. **I understand that falling can cause serious injuries, including but not limited to death, fractured bones, head injury, wounds, or a prolonged hospital stay.**

- Use my call light to request help when I need to get up.
- Wait for help before getting up from the bed, commode, toilet, or chair.
- Report feelings of dizziness or weakness to my caregiver immediately.
- Keep my room free of clutter with unnecessary items.
- Avoid use of moving objects to help steady myself (such as my IV pole, bedside tray table, wheelchair or other moving objects).
- Always wear shoes or nonskid slippers/socks when I get out up.
- Keep important items within reach.

Help us keep you SAFE!  
Remember: **CALL DON'T FALL!!!**

I will speak up when I don't understand something. I have a right to ask questions about my healthcare.

Patient Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Family member signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Nurse signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date/time: \_\_\_\_\_



# Questions

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