

# Falls and Fall Prevention Webinar Series

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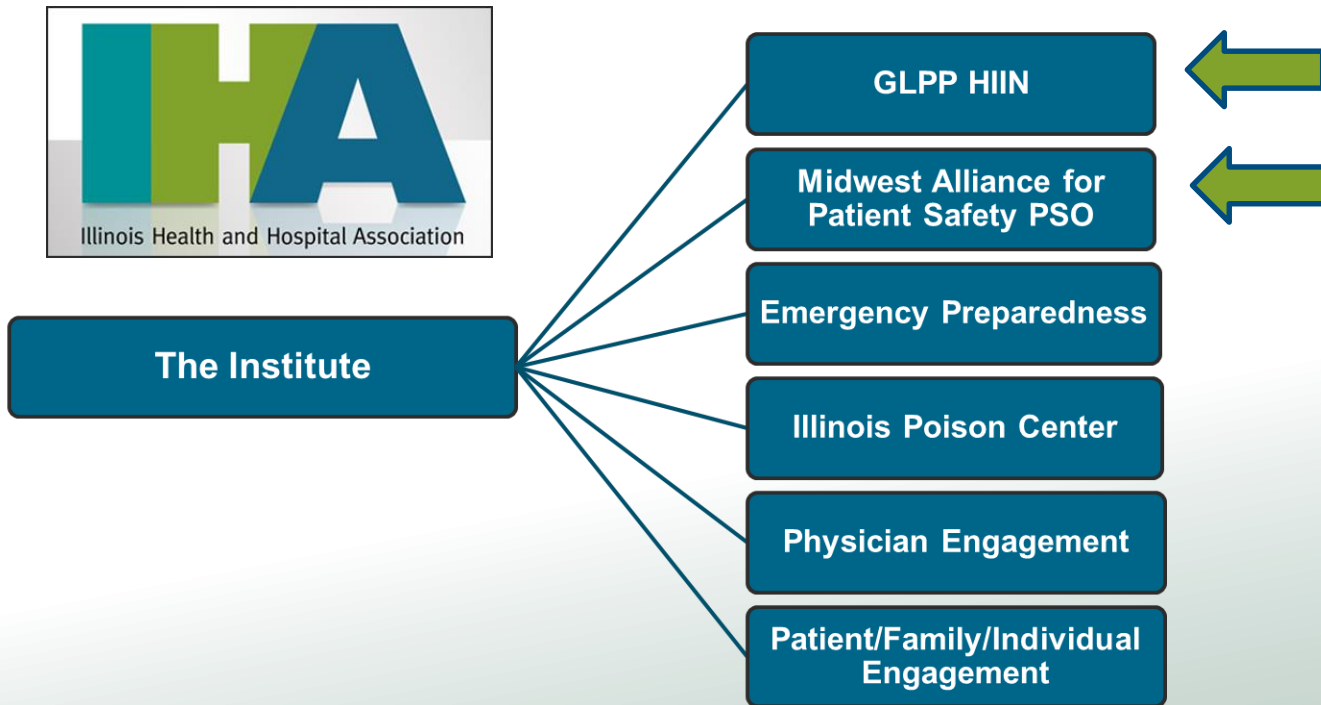
*Accelerating Improvement at the Point of Care*

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- Lines will be muted until the Question/Answers portion of presentation.

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# HIIN Overview

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- Goals:
  - 1. 20% reduction in all-cause patient harm** (to 97 Hospital-Acquired Conditions [HACs]/1,000 discharges) from 2014 interim baseline (of 121 HACs/1,000 patient discharges); and
  - 2. 12% reduction in 30-day readmissions** as a population-based measure (readmissions per 1,000 people).
  
- Interventions may include:
  - 1. Learning collaboratives*
  - 2. Data sharing networks*
  - 3. Peer-to-peer training among hospitals*
  - 4. Conference calls, webinars, and site visits*

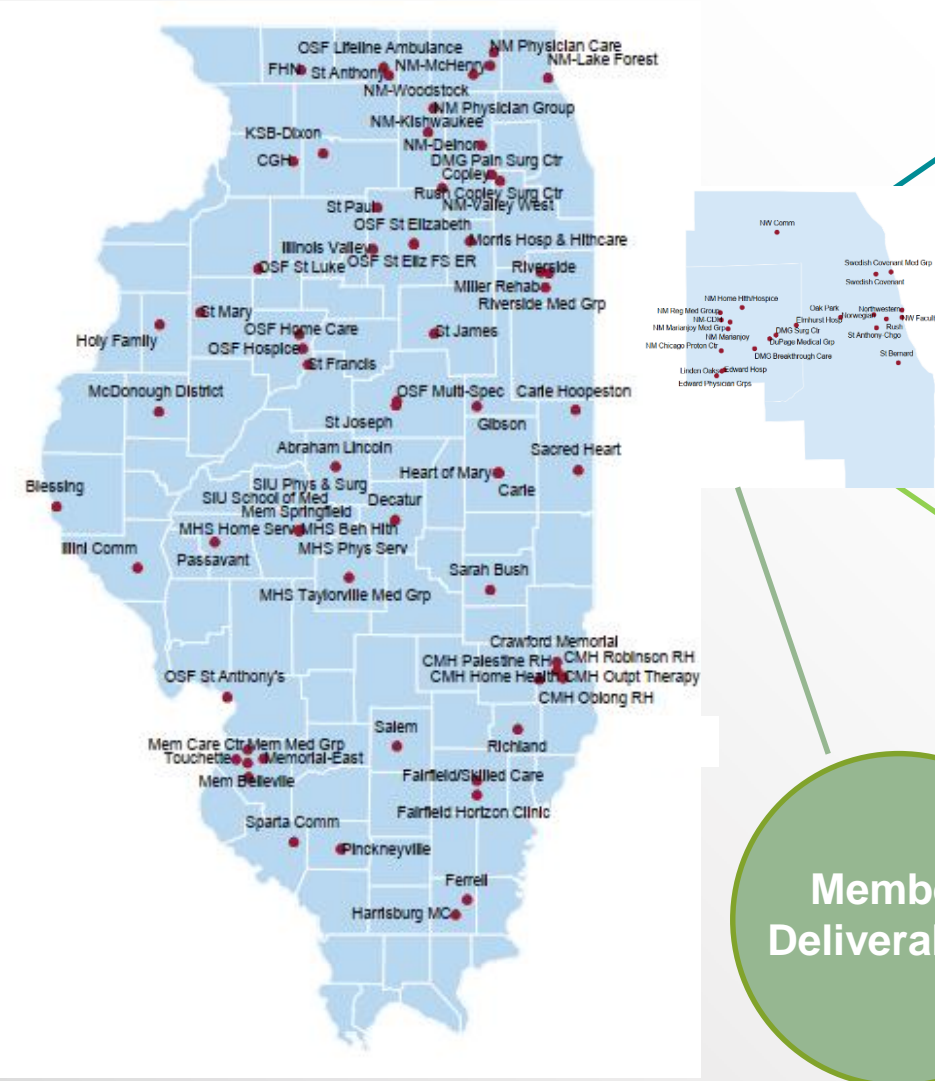
# HIIN Overview

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1. Adverse drug events (ADE)- opioid safety, anticoagulation safety, and glycemic management
2. Central line-associated blood stream infections (CLABSI)-in all hospital settings, not just Intensive Care Units (ICUs)
3. Catheter-associated urinary tract infections (CAUTI)-in all hospital settings, including avoiding placement of catheters, both in the ER, and in the hospital
4. Clostridioides difficile (C. diff)- including Antibiotic Stewardship
5. Injury from falls and immobility
6. Pressure Ulcers
7. Sepsis and Septic Shock
8. Surgical Site Infections (SSI)-to include measurement and improvement of SSI for multiple classes of surgeries
9. Venous thromboembolism (VTE)-including all surgical settings
10. Ventilator-Associated Events (VAE)-to include Infection-related Ventilator-Associated Complication (IVAC) and Ventilator-Associated Condition (VAC)
11. Readmissions

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- Annual Reports & Case Discoveries

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**IHA** Illinois Health and Hospital Association

**Midwest Alliance for Patient Safety**  
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2019 ANNUAL REPORT


ABC Hospital Name

AHRQ-CERTIFIED SINCE 2010

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## MONTHLY E-NEWS



**MAPS E-News You Can Use**

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**Midwest Alliance for Patient Safety**  
Federally Listed Patient Safety Organization

**The Midwest Alliance for Patient Safety PSO**  
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**MAPS E-News You Can Use**

Happy April in our MAPS PSO Community! As we continue our search for warmer Spring weather, here is what is new in our patient safety community.

As you read this newsletter, please feel free to share with other members of your team, and we always if you have any suggestions or topics you would like added to the newsletter, please reach out to anyone on the MAPS PSO Team. We appreciate your continued support and commitment to patient safety.

Shincerely,  
The Midwest Alliance for Patient Safety Team

**National Prescription Drug Take Back Day**

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is this upcoming Saturday, April 27th. The SDP's Take Back Day events provide an opportunity for Americans to prevent drug addiction and overdose deaths. Unused or expired prescription medications are a public safety issue, leading to potential accidental poisoning, misuse, and overdose. Proper disposal of unused drugs saves lives and protects the environment.

According to the DEA, the last Take-Back Day brought in more than 900,000 pounds of unused or expired prescription medication. Click [here](#) to find out more information on how to get involved.

Please share your recycling initiatives, and stories with the MAPS team at [MAPS@ihsa.com](mailto:MAPS@ihsa.com).

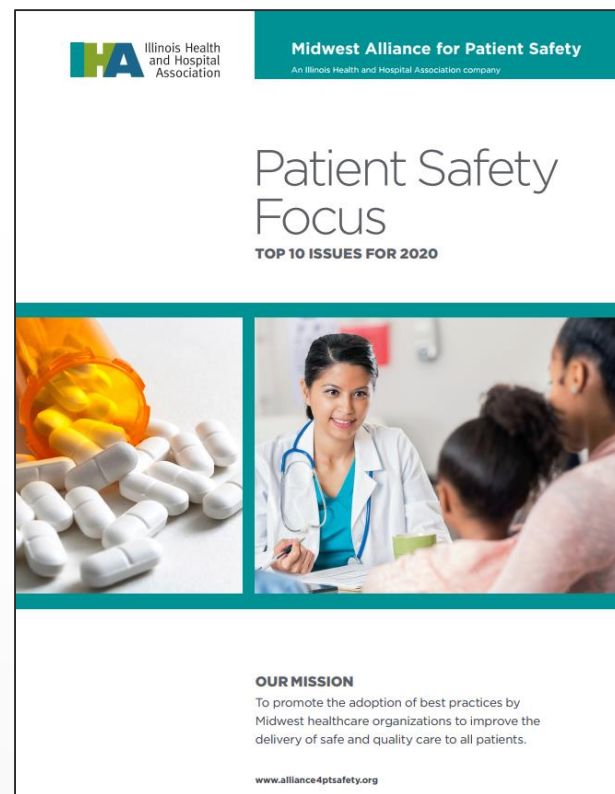
**2019 IAHQ Annual Conference**

The Illinois Association for Healthcare Quality (IAHQ) is hosting their annual conference for patient safety and quality improvement. Attendees will hear presentations from a wide variety of healthcare organizations and national healthcare experts. This program has been approved by the National Association for Healthcare Quality (NAHQ) for 2.5 continuing education credits. This is a special for this year's event. We hope to see you there!

Where: Tuesday, May 27th, 2019  
Where: 100 Nashville Conference Center  
1120 E Clark Rd, Naperville, IL 60563

Reserve your spot today! All members can [register](#) as a non-member and use the following discount code to receive \$25 off when checking out: "ap@midalliance".

## TOP TEN



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**Patient Safety Focus**

**TOP 10 ISSUES FOR 2020**

**OUR MISSION**

To promote the adoption of best practices by Midwest healthcare organizations to improve the delivery of safe and quality care to all patients.

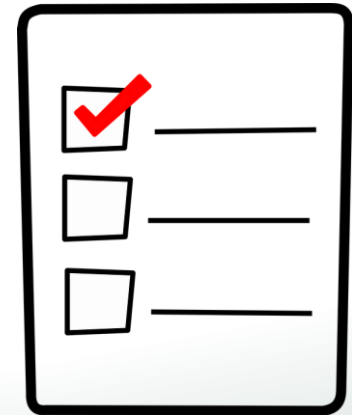
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# Webinar Series Information

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- Tuesdays from 10:00-11:00 CT/ 11:00-12:00 ET
  - February 18<sup>th</sup>: Implementation Science: Reengineering Fall and Fall Injury Programs: Infrastructure, Capacity and Sustainability
  - March 3<sup>rd</sup>: Post Fall Management – Getting to Types of Falls and Repeat Fallers
  - March 17<sup>th</sup>: Innovations in Fall and Fall-Injury Prevention and Reduction Strategies within Hospitals





# Implementation Science- Reengineering Fall and Fall Injury Programs: Infrastructure, Capacity and Sustainability



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# Objectives

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- Discuss essential elements and guidelines for fall and injury prevention programs.
- Understand nationally adopted interventions to reduce preventable falls and fall-related injuries.
- Identify opportunities to enhance fall and fall with injury prevention program infrastructure, capacity and how to sustain improvements
- Visualize an action plan on how to overcome barriers and achieve successes.





# National Guidelines: Shifting

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- Reduce Individual Fall and Injury Risk Factors (Individualized Care)
- Integrate Injury Risk /History on Admission
- Implement Universal Injury Reduction Strategies
- Implement Population-Specific Fall Injury Reduction Intervention
- Reduce Harm from Falls

# Sept 28, 2015: TJC #55 Sentinel Alert: Preventing Falls and Fall Injuries

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- Lead efforts to raise awareness of the need to **prevent falls resulting in injury**
- Establish an **interdisciplinary falls injury prevention team** or evaluate the membership of the team in place
- Use a standardized, validated tool to identify risk factors for falls, assess fall and injury risk factors
- Develop an individualized plan of care **based on identified fall and injury risks**, and implement interventions specific to a patient, population or setting



# Suggestions con't

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- Standardize and apply practices and interventions demonstrated to be effective, including:
  - A standardized hand-off communication process
  - One-to-one education of each patient at the bedside
- Conduct **post-fall management**, which includes: a post-fall huddle; a system of honest, transparent reporting; trending and analysis of falls which can inform improvement efforts; and reassess the patient
  - Conduct a **post-fall huddle**
  - Report, aggregate and analyze the contributing factors on an ongoing basis to inform improvement efforts.



# Patient Harm... remember the news?

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- IOM: To Err Is Human, Shaping the Future of Healthcare (1999)
- 48,000 perhaps as much as 95,000 die each year in hospitals as a result of medical errors that could be prevent



# Dr. J. James 2013 Update

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- Provided updated estimate of patient harm
- Examined studies 2008-2011
- MDs had to concur on final adverse events then classify the severity of harm
- True number of premature deaths associated with preventable harm estimated at more than 400,000/year
- Serious harm 10-20 fold more common than lethal harm

Patient Safety America, Houston, TX. A new, evidence-based estimate of patient harms associated with Hospital Care (2013). *Journal Pt Safety*, 9: 122-128.





# Conclusions

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- Epidemic of patient harm in hospitals must be taken serious if to be curtailed
- Fully engage patient and their advocates during hospital care
- Systematically seek the patient voice in identifying harms
- Transparent accountability for harm
- Intentional correction of root causes of harm



# Current Interventions

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- Are not working
- Are not individualized
- Can be reconsidered to revise clinical practices and tools for prevention and protection
- Can be refocused to increase your safety net at the point of care

# But in the Real World....





# What can we change to move faster?

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- Current situation:
  - Over-reliance on Fall Risk Screening
  - Insufficient Risk Assessment
  - Lack of Differential Diagnosis:  
Pathophysiology  
Underlying Fall Risk Factors
  - Undetermined Range of Severity – Don't know vulnerability – Level of Risk
- Understand that just about everyone is at risk for a fall
- Let's STEP UP our game!
- Set and be accountable for achieving bold goals. In our care:
  - No one dies from a fall
  - No one breaks a hip
- **Mitigate or eliminate patients' modifiable fall risk factors**



# Progress Reducing Falls and Injuries

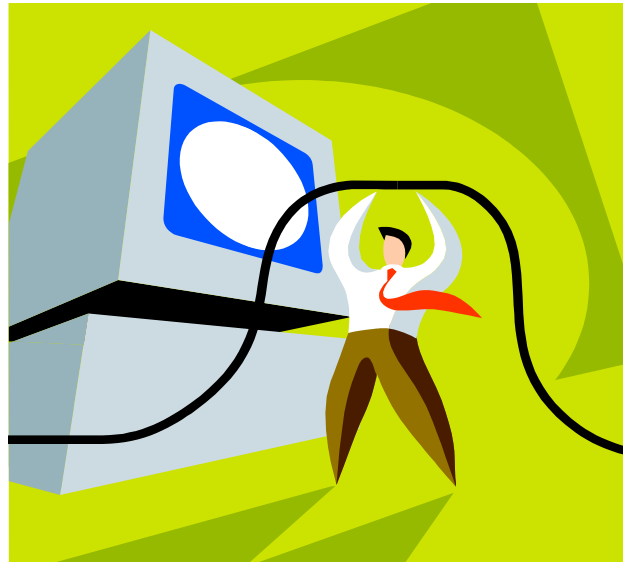
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- **Incredibly Slow!**
- Think of the Burden: Personal, Social, Economic
- One fall without serious injury costs a hospital an additional \$3500
- Patients with more than two falls without serious injury costs hospital \$16,500
- Falls with serious injury costs hospitals an additional \$27,000

# Our Charge:

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- To design and implement processes that make it easy to do the right thing at the right time, every time to improve patient outcomes



# Reengineer Your Falls Program



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- The best way to implement evidence-based practices is within the context of a well-designed program
- A well-designed program promotes **safe and reliable care**, promotes **vitality and teamwork**, is **patient-centered**, and all **processes are value-added**



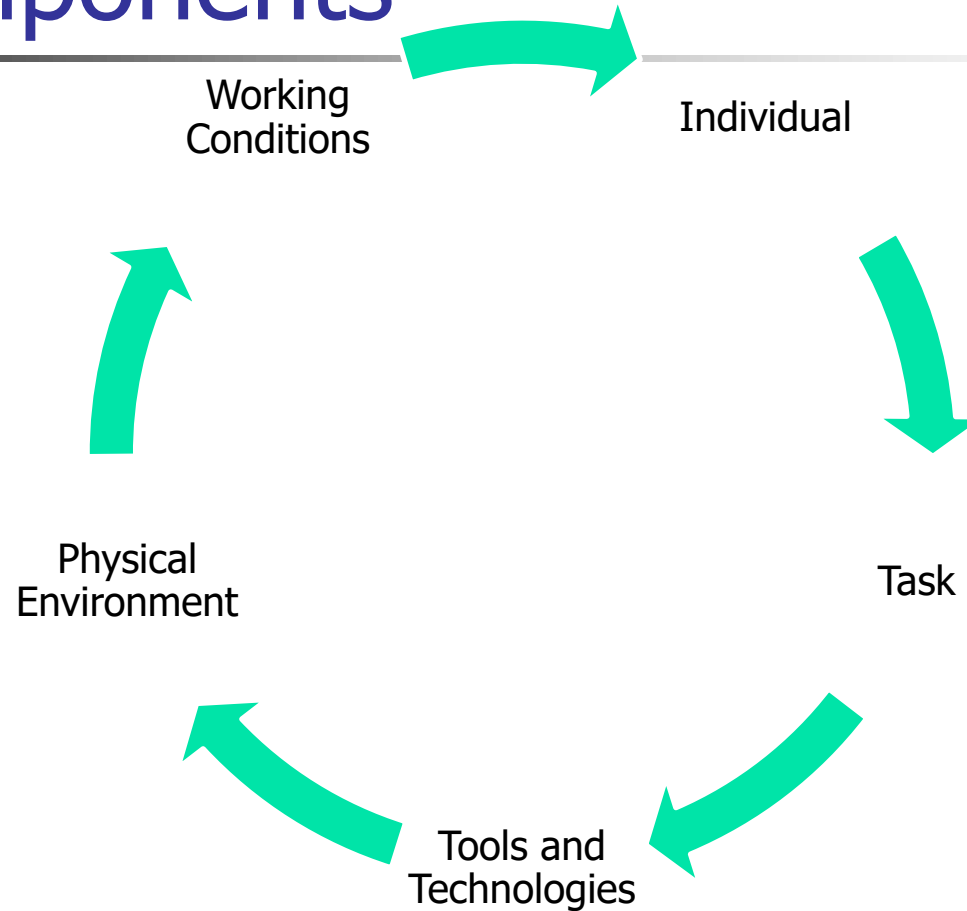
# The Context for Program Design

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- “**Reliability** is the capability of a process, procedure, or health service to perform its intended function in the required time under existing conditions”
- **Vitality** is a supportive environment with effective care teams continually striving for excellence
- **Patient-centered care** honors the whole person and respects individual values and choices
- **Value-added care** is free of waste and promotes continuous flow



# Work Systems with Interrelated Components





**Prevent  
serious  
injurious  
falls**

**AIM**

**Promote  
a culture  
of safety**

**Promote  
the safe  
use of  
technology**



# Assemble The Team

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- Typically this is the Falls and Injury Prevention Committee responsible for oversight, implementation, and evaluation of the Falls Program
- Composition will vary depending on the care settings in the organization (acute, rehab, home care, nursing home, etc), typically Direct Care Nurses, Managers, Quality/Safety Professionals, Therapists, Pharmacists, Physicians, Support Staff
- All care settings should be represented



# Measurement: First Set Goals

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- Track Your Progress toward Improvement
- Collect Monthly Data Points to Guide Your QI Efforts as part of PDSA
- Study Data Across Time
- Determine effect of improvement strategies on reducing patient harm
- Data allow you to aggregate, analyze and report progress toward goals



# Aim Setting

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- What will be done: Identify patients at risk for FRI on Admission
- Within what timeframe
- Outcome that is measureable

## Short term aim

- 6 months (Mar 2020) after this learning session, we will have achieved 100% compliance with fall risk and injury risk assessment on admission, and the practice of post-fall assessment after each fall event.

## Long term aim

- By 2020 , injury risk and history will be fully operational by Dec. 2020



# Setting the Stage For Change

## Developing Your Own Action Plan (for Change!)

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- Aim Statement
- Examine *Gap* between current performance and stated aim
- Spirit of discovery with goal to change structure, process and effective improved outcomes.
- **GAP: Assessment of Injury Risk and History is not integrated into our Fall Injury Prevention Program**



# Declare Measurable Aims: Reducing Patient Injury from Falls

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Assess Risk of  
Falling and Risk  
for a Serious /  
Major Injury from  
a Fall

Communicate  
and Educate  
(Staff, Patients  
and Family  
Members)

Standardize  
Interventions  
for Patients at  
Risk for  
Falling

Customize  
Interventions for  
Patients at Highest  
Risk of a Fall-  
Related Injury

*Our Aim: Achieve a 95% or better  
reliability for each process step*



# Examples: Short Term Goals

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## Structure:

- Within 3 months, patient admission templates will include fall injury risk assessment
- Within 4 months, an interdisciplinary fall and injury risk assessment template will be completed
- Processes:
  - Within 4 months, the revised patient admission template will be completed for all patients 75 and older (100%)
  - Within 5 months, 80% of patients admitted and over 85 yo, will have an interdisciplinary fall and injury risk assessment completed within 24 hours of admission.





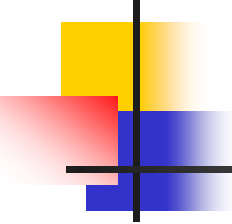
# Examples: Long Term Goals

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**Unit – level:** By Jan 2020, falls with serious injury will be decreased by at least 30% on 4 West.

## Population-level:

- By December, 2019, 100% of adults over the age of 75 will receive education related to healthy bones, osteoporosis and hip fracture prevention
- By Jan 2020, 100% of the patients receiving anticoagulation treatment, will have documented education specific to actions should a fall occur
- By July 2020, for patients admitted *with a fall*, modifiable fall risk factors will be reduced (admission minus discharge) by 20%



## Strategic Goals: (Your Organization Selects)

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- Objective 1 and 2: Increase Leadership Infrastructure
- Objective 3: Reduce Injurious Falls (Zero Injuries from Falls)
- Objective 4: Reduce Anticipated Physiological Falls
- Objective 5: Reduce Accidental Falls
- Objective 6: Reduce Repeat Falls / Fallers
- Objective 7: Expand Patient Education Resources



# Baseline Assessment

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- See Organizational Assessment



# Sample Strategic Plan

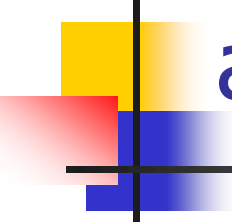
Key Tasks	Responsibility	Target Dates
Objective 1. Increase Leadership Attributes by XX% in 12 months		
Objective 2. Increase Program Evaluation Attributes by XX% in 12 months		
Objective 3. Expand Fall Injury Risk Assessment Methods by XX% in XXX months		
Objective 4. Expand Fall Risk Assessment Methods by XX% in XXX months		
Objective 5. Expand Environmental Safety Attributes by XX% in XXX months		
Objective 6. Expand Post Fall Injury Assessment Practices by XX% in XX months		
Objective 7. Expand Patient/Family Education by XX% in XX months		



# Visualize Strategic Plan

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- See Sample Plan



# Examine Program Capacity and Infrastructure

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- Baseline assessment
- Data analysis
- Prioritized action plan aligned with mission and values
- Strategic planning





# Managing change

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- How to help the Implementation Team succeed
- What needs to change
- How to make needed changes
- How to develop goals and plans for change
- How to bring staff into the process





# Interdisciplinary Implementation Team

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- A strong link to hospital leadership
- Members with necessary expertise
- A clearly defined aim
- Assess resources needed to accomplish aim statement: Organizational Self Assessment
- Develop a Change Package / Strategic Plan
  - Objectives
  - Time Line
  - Who will do the work



# Why test using PDSA?

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- Increase the belief that the change will result in improvement in your environment
- Predict how much improvement can be expected from the change
- Learn how to adapt the change to conditions in the local environment
- Evaluate costs and side-effects of the change
- Minimize resistance upon implementation



# Tools

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- AHA HRET Falls Change Package: 2017 Falls Top Ten Checklist
- VA's Organizational Self Assessment
- Minnesota SAFE from FALLS tool
- TJC Sentinel Alert #55
- Think out of the box
- Create the invitation
- Clinical Rounds

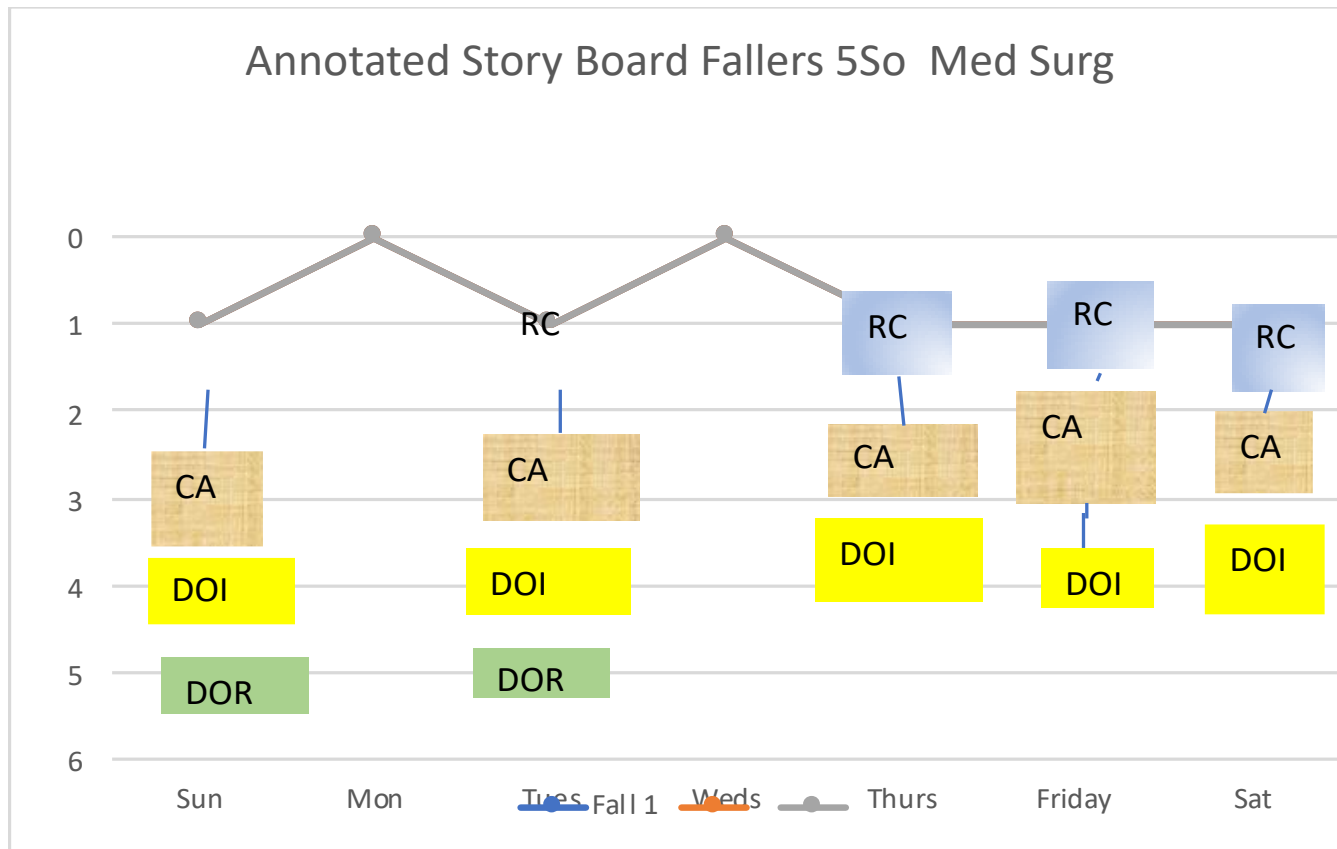


# Re-Engineer Your Committee

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- Think Quarterly
  - First and Second Month – Work of Task Forces
  - Third Month – Report of Task Forces, Review Strategic Plan
- Change from Reporting Falls to Reporting Improvements in Patient Safety
- Celebrate Success!

# Create a Story Board





# Continue to Learn

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- Examine failures /opportunities
- Conduct tests of change
- Engage the bedside experts in small scale testing of emerging evidence-based practices
- Refine your tools
- Spread best practices
- Keep your eye on the evidence
- Embrace Innovation



**Thank you! We are**  
**“Partners in Excellence”**  
**Together We Achieve More!**

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# Thank you!

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