Post Fall Team Review

A review by the clinical team after a consumer fall will promote improvement to care, team learning, and highlight issues that may be a risk for other consumers

Use this process for investigation and review of:

- > SAC 2 and some SAC 3 fall incidents OR
- > Frequent faller (2 or more falls by the same consumer during this admission)



Take immediate action to address safety. Notify family and arrange medical review as required

Senior Staff member

- > reviews incident report
- > investigates outcome of incident
- > assign Safety Assessment Code (SAC)

If a team review is required;

- > decides membership of review team (refer to box A)
- > arranges meeting

Review team considers

- > current incident report
- > previous incident report(s) for that patient
- $> \ \ \text{current fall and fall injury risk assessment, and re-assessment post fall}$
- > current care plar

Review team

> discusses key contributing factors in this fall incident (refer to box B)

Then

- > formulates agreed recommendations and actions to improve safety and reduce risk
- $\,>\,$ Discusses changes to care plan with consumer and family
- > update risk flagging system (if in use)
- > ensures that changes are made to care plan, and actions documented and included in handover

Senior staff member

- > Informs all relevant staff about outcomes of investigation and recommendations to be implemented
- > completes the management component of incident report, and post fall team review summary in SLS
- > communicates relevant recommendations to senior staff and Patient Safety/Risk Managers
- > communicates the recommendations outside the responsibility of the team through the appropriate channels including Clinical Governance Committee
- > ensures agreed changes are implemented

Report Types

Incident notification / reporting completed (refer SLS Reporting Guide).

Notify appropriate line Managers

For Employee incident completion of WHS forms and forwarded to Line Manager

If required Public liability form/s completed by appropriate area/ senior manager.

Notify appropriate person and DoH Insurance Services

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Review team to include (where possible)

Nursing, Medical, Pharmacy, Allied Health,
Fall prevention committee member and any
other relevant staff

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Key questions for discussion at Team Review Note – Refer to recommended actions on the risk assessment form

What were possible contributing factors to this incident?

I. Patient factors, such as:

- > Poor balance, muscle weakness of mobility deficit
- > Incontinence/ toileting
- > Cognitive impairment or other condition affecting behaviour
- > Medication type(s), poly pharmacy, recent changes
- > Malnutrition, dehydration, anaemia
- > Sepsis, UTI, other acute illness
- > Sensory impairmen

II. Environmental Factors such as:

- > Hazard in immediate environment
- > Equipment- aids, devices in use
- > Clothing/footwear

III. Clinical Practice such as:

- > communication error staff and/or patient
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injury sustained?

- > Factors in the immediate environment area (eg sharp edges)
- > Patient Factors: individuals' fragility (bone skin, soft tissue etc)
- Nature of injury: Head injury; fracture; skin tea

Any other possible contributing factors?

For more information

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