



Falls with Injury Measure Definition Sheet

Enter data into WSHA Quality Benchmarking System (QBS) starting with falls that happen on/after Oct 1, 2012. Enter data into QBS by 45 days after the end of each month. Current users may log in with their QBS credentials. If you need access to QBS, contact Decision Support at decisionsupport@wsha.org Falls with Injury QBS upload instructions available: <http://www.wsha.org/files/82/Upload%20Help%20File%20Patient%20Falls.pdf>

Description of Measure: All documented patient falls with an injury level of minor or greater on eligible unit types in a calendar quarter. Reported as Injury falls per 1000 Patient Days.

$(\text{Total number of injury falls} / \text{Patient days}) \times 1000$

Measure focus is safety. Target population is adult acute care inpatient and adult rehabilitation patients.

NDNQI definitions for injury level are:

- *None*—patient had no injuries (no signs or symptoms) resulting from the fall, if an x-ray, CT scan or other post fall evaluation results in a finding of no injury.
- *Minor*—resulted in application of a dressing, ice, cleaning of a wound, limb elevation, topical medication, bruise or abrasion.

Or greater...

- *Moderate*—resulted in suturing, application of steri-strips/skin glue, splinting or muscle/joint strain.
- *Major*—resulted in surgery, casting, traction, required consultation for neurological (basilar skull fracture, small subdural hematoma) or internal injury (rib fracture, small liver laceration) or patients with coagulopathy who receive blood products as a result of the fall.
- *Death*—the patient died as a result of injuries sustained from the fall (not from physiologic events causing the fall)."

Numerator Statement: Total number of patient falls or injury level minor or greater (whether or not assisted by a staff member) by eligible hospital unit during the calendar month X 1000.

Included Populations:

- Falls with Fall Injury Level of "minor" or greater, including assisted and repeat falls with an Injury level of minor or greater
- Patient injury falls occurring while on an eligible reporting unit

Target population is adult acute care inpatient (includes observation patients) and adult rehabilitation patients. Eligible unit types include adult critical care, step-down, medical, surgical, medical-surgical combined, critical access (inpatient, including swing beds), adult rehabilitation inpatient.

Denominator Statement: Patient days by Type of Unit during the calendar month

Included Populations: Inpatients, short stay patients, observation patients, and same day surgery patients who receive care on eligible inpatient units for all or part of a day.

- Adult critical care, step-down, medical, surgical, medical-surgical combined, critical access (inpatient, including swing beds) and adult rehabilitation inpatient units.
- Patients of any age on an eligible reporting unit are included in the patient day count.

Excluded Populations: Other unit types (e.g., pediatric, psychiatric, obstetrical, etc.)

Note: No duplication necessary for those hospitals currently entering falls data into CALNOC if rights have been conferred to WSHA.

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