PREVENTING FALLS TST®
Development: Problem Statement

- Hundreds of thousands of patients fall in hospitals every year.
- Between 30 to 35 percent of patients who fall sustain an injury.
- Each of these injuries, on average, add 6.3 days to the hospital stay.
- Cost for a fall with injury is about $14,056.
Development: Utilized RPI® Principles

Preventing Falls

Initial 5 Center hospitals:

- 30 different causes, varied by hospital
- Reduced falls with injury rate by 62%
- Reduced falls rate by 35%

Pilot: 7 hospitals

- Tested and validated measurement system and solutions; seeing improvement results
Preventing Falls with Injury Implications

200 Bed Hospital

- Expect 358 falls/year
  - 117 injuries/year
  - $1.7M in costs

- Annual impact
  - 72 fewer injuries
  - $1M in costs avoided
Preventing Falls TST®

• Educational
• Data analysis conducted by the tool
• Tool guides the user through process of:
  ▪ Measuring current state
  ▪ Determining root causes
  ▪ Selecting targeted solutions
  ▪ Control of process after implementation

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Separate from Accreditation
Take a Stand Against Patient Falls