

Preventing Falls

Center for Transforming Healthcare Project



GOALS

Goal 1: Reduce the rate of patients injured in a fall by **50%**

Goal 2: Reduce the rate of patient falls by **25%**



RESULTS after 18 months

Reduced the rate of patients injured in a fall by **62%**

Reduced the rate of patient falls by **35%**

The problem with falls

Falls in health care facilities result in **death & injury**

Between **30-35%** of patients who fall will sustain an injury

These injuries result in:
6.3 additional days hospital stay
(average stay is 4.8 days)

\$14,056 estimated average cost of a fall with injury

Annual costs avoided from falls reduction

200 bed hospital = **\$1 million**

400 bed hospital = **\$1.9 million**

How your organization can prevent falls now

Read Sentinel Event Alert #55: Preventing falls and fall-related injuries in health care facilities

Preventing falls is difficult and complex. It requires leadership commitment and a systematic, data-driven approach to achieve risk reduction and continuous improvement within specific settings and among specific populations. This Sentinel Event Alert gives an overview of the tools that have been developed through research and quality improvement initiatives, including the Center for Transforming Healthcare's Preventing Falls Targeted Solutions Tool® (TST®).

Start your project today using the Preventing Falls Targeted Solutions Tool® (TST®)

Joint Commission-accredited organizations can access the TST® through:

- A quick registration process by clicking the "Request Access" button at http://www.centerfortransforminghealthcare.org/tst_pfi.aspx
- The organization's secure Joint Commission Connect extranet

Note: Data entered into the TST® are not shared with Joint Commission surveyors or staff.

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