

		<b>Reference Number:</b> SAI 16/016	<b>Date issued:</b> June 2016
<b>Safety Message: The Falls Risk Assessment must be completed on all inpatients identified as at risk of falling</b>			
<b>Summary of event</b>			
<p>Patient admitted following ED presentation with severe back and abdominal pain. On admission it was documented in the nursing care plan that the patient was at risk of falls. However, the falls risk assessment in the Nursing Assessment and Plan of Care document was not completed. The patient was subsequently transferred to another inpatient ward a few days later - a falls risk assessment was not completed immediately following transfer.</p> <p>Throughout the patient's admission, staff were aware of his mobilisation needs and risks of falls which had been assessed by the multi-professional team.</p> <p>The patient experienced a fall and imaging confirmed a cranial bleed. The patient deteriorated and died in hospital.</p>			
<b>Learning points</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The falls risk assessment should be completed for all patients identified as at risk of falling within 24 hours of admission.</li> <li>• It is good practice to repeat the falls risk assessment following a patient's transfer from another ward.</li> </ul>			
<b>Learning applicable to:</b>			
Specific Directorate(s) (specify):		Trustwide	X
Other (specify):		Regional	X
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