

Falls: What you don't know hurts

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Facility teams spend a great deal of time and focus on fall prevention. Good clinical care routines and environmental safety awareness programs are critical to fall prevention and make the job easier for staff who may have difficulty in organizing a multitude of varying interventions for fall prevention. You probably are doing a much better job of really looking at the resident's environment and clinical status once a fall occurs. You have probably improved the interventions post fall to prevent it from happening again. Let's explore how we become even more proactive in the area of fall *prevention* and at the same time, review how to make certain the basics are in place in your facility.

Course Outline:

1. Fall Facts
2. Customer Expectations
3. Staff Education and Competency Testing
4. Proactive Assessment and Care Planning
 - a) Assess
 - b) Plan
 - c) Implement
 - d) Evaluate
5. Interdisciplinary Approach
6. Resident 'Customary Routine' Relationship to Fall Prevention
7. Facility 'Customary Routine' Relationship to Fall Prevention
8. Monitoring the Fall Prevention System
9. Regulatory Expectations
10. Post Fall
 - a) Assessment
 - b) Intervention
 - c) Investigation
11. Role of the QA and A Committee
12. Liability Risk Considerations
13. Families as *Partners in Caring*
14. Conclusion

This presentation includes lecture, humor, group discussion, and individual action planning.