**PPNO List Serv Query Summary Unwitnessed Fall Criteria**

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Question Asked: I am curious to know if anyone has a standard work or policy that outlines certain things and criteria that need to be completed after a patient has an unwitnessed fall (ex: neuro vitals, close monitoring, call to family)?

Policy  Procedure  Practice Question  Program Info  Committee Structure info

Role Question  Model/Structure Question  Care Delivery Question  Collaboration

Regulation/Legislation  Pt. Safety  Quality/Outcome/Indicator Question

PP Culture/Leadership Question  Other:

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| Robin Varnes RN,BN  Manager of Clinical Development  Norfolk General Hospital  519-426-0130 ext. 2314 | We recently implemented a post falls clinical protocol that you may find helpful. |  |  |
| **Tasha Vandervliet, RN, BScN**  Nurse Educator  Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance  46 General Hospital Drive  Stratford, Ontario  N5A 2Y6  519-272-8210 ext. 2327  [tasha.vandervliet@hpha.ca](mailto:tasha.vandervliet@hpha.ca) | Our policy doesn’t differentiate between witnessed or unwitnessed falls.  Here’s what our policy says re: post-fall follow up: |  |  |
| **Grace Sutherland**  Almonte General Hospital/Fairview Manor  Informatics Coordinator/Clinical Educator | Our Falls Risk Reduction policy includes guidelines for witnessed and unwitnessed falls. |  |  |
| *Karen Fleming, RN, MN, BScN, BSc* Clinical Nurse Educator, Child and Teen Program  Corporate Simulation Project Lead  North York General Hospital, 3N, Room 327A Adjunct Lecturer, Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing University of Toronto [karen.fleming@nygh.on.ca](mailto:karen.fleming@nygh.on.ca)  416-756-6000 ext 4998 | Here is our policy. |  |  |
| George Fieber RN  Nursing Practice Leader  Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre  Office: (807) 684-6691  Cell: (807) 629-0889 | We have a post-fall intervention embedded in the Meditech platform that requires assessment, vital signs etc. A safety report has to be filed on all falls, witnessed or not. |  |  |
| **Sandra Parsons**  **DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST**  **PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE**  596 Davis Drive, Newmarket, ON, L3Y 2P9 **T:** (905) 895-4521 ext. 2435  **Email:**[sparsons@southlakeregional.org](mailto:sparsons@southlakeregional.org)    [cid:image001.jpg@01D53598.3843B480](http://www.southlake.ca/) | Please see attached. |  |  |
| Melissa Pelletier, RN, BScN, CNeph(C)  Clinical Educator  Renal Program  Professional Practice  Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre  201 Georgian Drive  Barrie, Ontario  L4M 6M2  [pelletierm@rvh.on.ca](mailto:pelletierm@rvh.on.ca)  Tel:  705-728-9090 ext 47712  Cell: 705-229-9846  [www.rvh.on.ca](http://www.rvh.on.ca/) | I have attached our falls policies for adult and pediatric for you. |  |  |
| Marika Bishop  Marika.Bishop@camh.ca | Attached is our Falls Prevention and Management Policy. It may be of interest, however, it does not go in to too much detail re: minimum documentation for unwitnessed fall. |  |  |
| Daphne Flatt, MEd., BSc. (OT), OT Reg. (Ont.)  Collaborative Practice Leader – Rehabilitation Sciences  North York General Hospital  Status Only Lecturer, Dept. of Occupational Science & Occupational Therapy, University of Toronto  (416)756-6667  [Daphne.Flatt@nygh.on.ca](mailto:Daphne.Flatt@nygh.on.ca) | Please see p. 5-7 of the attached policy for details about post-fall procedures. |  |  |
| Susan Murphy RN BScN CPMHN( C )  Practice Specialist  Mental Health Program  Behavioral Supports Transition Unit  Quinte Health Care  265 Dundas St E.  Belleville, ON  Office: 613 969 7400 ext 2111  Email: [smurphy@qhc.on.ca](mailto:smurphy@qhc.on.ca) | Here is our falls policy which speaks to your query. |  |  |

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