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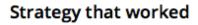
A different approach to fall prevention in hospitals



Patient falls are still all too common in hospitals. A quick slip can cause severe injuries – or even death. To keep a fall from negatively affecting a patient's recovery, facilities need to make sure their fall prevention efforts go beyond the minimum requirements.

According to various statistics, up to 20% of patients in hospitals will fall at some point during their stay. And for elderly people 65 and over, falls are one of the top 10 leading causes of death.

While many nospitals have some type of standard fall prevention policies in place, including the use of nonskid socks or bed alarms, a multifaceted approach can be more effective. An article from *Medscape* describes the indepth efforts of one facility's cardiac intermediate care unit to lower its fall rates.







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