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## **FALL RISK ASSESSMENT & PREVENTION**

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### **WEBSITE RESOURCES**

**American Geriatrics Society**

<http://www.americangeriatrics.org/staging/education/falls.shtml>

Link to resources including free fulltext pdf copy of 2001 (soon to be updated) AGS/BGS/AAOS Guideline.

Guideline for the prevention of falls in older persons. American Geriatrics Society, British Geriatrics Society, and American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons Panel on Falls Prevention.

**The Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI)**

IHI is a not-for-profit organization driving the improvement of health by advancing the quality and value of health care. Founded in 1991 and based in Cambridge, Massachusetts, IHI offers comprehensive products and services.

<http://www.ihl.org/IHI/Topics/PatientSafety/ReducingHarmfromFalls/>

National Center for Patient Safety (NCPS)

<http://www.va.gov/ncps/SafetyTopics/fallstoolkit/index.html>

The Falls Toolkit provides information re: Designing a falls prevention and management program; Effective interventions for high-risk fall patients; Implementing hip protectors for high-risk fall patients; Educating patients, families and staff on falls and fall-injury prevention

Hendrich II Fall Risk Model

<http://www.ahendrichinc.com/falls/index.php>

A comprehensive fall prevention, risk management and intervention program featuring the Hendrich II Fall Risk Model

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