



Document 19.0 Falls prevention policy

PURPOSE

It is the intent of this document is to ensure that INTENSIVE CARE AT HOME Pty. Ltd. has a coordinated approach to falls prevention that is consistent with Australian best practice standards. The coordinated approach will ensure that falls prevention will be integrated into everyday practice

POLICY

- It is the responsibility of all health professionals to prevent falls
- All customers will have a falls risk assessment to determine their level of risk
- All customers will have prevention strategies implemented based on risk factors identified in the risk assessment
- All customers will have effectiveness of prevention strategies evaluated
- Communication of risk factors to customers and families is part of our every day work
- Risk assessment, prevention strategies and evaluation of effectiveness of intervention will be documented on INTENSIVE CARE AT HOME's approved forms
- The event of a fall will be reported on the incident management system and investigated according to the level of injury incurred

DEFINITION

A fall is an event which results in a person coming to rest inadvertently on the ground or floor or other lower level (World Health Organisation, 2006). A fall also includes slips, trips and lowering or assisting a patient who is in the act of falling.

RELATED DOCUMENTATION

- Fall Prevention Guidelines
- Incident Management Policy
- Clinical Care Standards Policy

Please see FALLS RISK ASSESSMENT SCORING

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