

FALLS - RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT OF INPATIENT FALLS

POLICY STATEMENT

It is Bay of Plenty District Health Board’s (BOPDHB) policy that there will be systems and processes in place to promote independence, safe mobilisation and to minimise the risk of harm from falls for all patients in BOPDHB facilities.

PURPOSE

All inpatients are at high risk of falling, the purpose of the falls prevention and management program is to:

- Identify and initiate appropriate individual assessment, interventions and strategies directed to minimise the risk of harm from falling.
- Identify and provide learning opportunities to patients, families and staff.
- Identify and monitor, analyse and evaluate all patient falls and near misses.

EXCLUSIONS

Non-inpatient units, non-inpatient falls will be reported through the Incident Management system.

REFERENCES

- [ACC. Information for Health Professionals. Falls](#)
- [ACC. Preventing Falls. Information for Older People](#)
- [Code of Health and Disability Services – Consumers Rights. Right 4.](#)
- Keep Babies Safe Poster
- [Health Quality and Safety Commission New Zealand. Reducing Harm from Falls.](#)

ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 6.3.5 protocol 1 Falls – Risk Reduction and Management of Inpatient Falls - Standards
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 2.1.1 Risk Management
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 2.1.3 Hazard Management
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 2.1.4 Incident Management
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 1.2.4 protocol 3 Restraint Minimisation & Safe Practice - Reporting
- Bay Of Plenty District Health Board Policy 6.1.5 Protocol 1 Alerts – Medical (Allergic Responses / Adverse Reactions And High Risk Issues)
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 7.104.1 protocol 2 Care Delivery - Nursing & Midwifery Shift Handover
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 7.104.1 protocol 5 Care Delivery – Nursing & Midwifery Assessment Standards

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- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Clinical Practice Manual protocol CPM.E1.1 Enablers (Restraint Minimisation & Safe Practice)
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Form FM.F3.1 Fractured Neck Of Femur (NOF) Checklist (Tauranga Only)
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Form FM.F6.1 Fractured Neck of Femur (NOF) Clinical Pathway – Surgical, Anaesthetic, Nursing and Allied Health Team Protocol – Tauranga Only
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Delirium – Care of Patient, Lippincott Procedure
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Dementia – Uncomplicated Pathway – Bay Navigator
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Adult Admission Assessment and Plan of Care (8341) - *viewable only. Order through Design & Print Centre*
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Adult Repeated Risk Assessment (8341A) - *viewable only. Order through Design & Print Centre*
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Adult Continued Plan of Care (8341B) - *viewable only. Order through Design & Print Centre*
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Moving Safely & Preventing Falls: Information for Patients, Family and Friends - *viewable only. Order through Design & Print Centre*
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Moving Safely Bed Card - *viewable only. Order through Design & Print Centre*

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