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Fall Reduction Program in Oncology Department

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Introduction

Falls in hospitals with physical injuries which may result in substantial morbidity and mortality. Cancer patient have higher incidence of fall rate and there are possible specific risk factors contribute to risk of fall. Fall reduction program targeting the risk factors and number of events would result in reducing fall injury.

Objectives

- 1. To implement fall reduction program for cancer patient with risk of fall so as to enhance patient's safety.
- 2. To reduce incidence of fall rates by 20% as compared with the year of 2016

Methodology

- 1. To conduct staff education sessions to both nurses and supporting staff to enhance their knowledge on fall prevention.
- 2. To identify patient's risk factors on admission or transfer in. Targeting multiple fall intervention program with the use of patrol checklist.
- 3. To increase patient and relatives' awareness and compliance on fall prevention with the use of educational board, hospital pamphlet, video show and audio tape.
- 4. Outcome measures were measured by fall incident rate and internal audit.

Result

Overall, in-patient hospital fall rates in 2017 were significantly reduced by 52%. The internal audit on fall prevention achieved 90% compliance in December, 2017.