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How staff engage in enhancing environmental safety for fall prevention

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Introduction

Over the several years, patients' fall are often happened in every ward of hospital including O&T ward. A fall prevention program was designed to reinforce the importance of prevention of fall. Even though the patients' fall could not be completely prevented in O&T ward, we have tried to find out the reason of the patients' fall & improvement for it.

Objectives

A taskforce included all frontline nurses and supporting staff was formed. It aimed not only concerning the patients' condition but also the functioning of the fall preventive measures.

Methodology

Although some preventive measures were adopted, e.g. provision of accessible call bell to each patient, application of fall alarm pad to uncooperative patient, implementation of patrol round and regular bedpan/ urinal round, the fall accidents still could not be eliminated in O&T ward. Therefore engagement of supporting staff to conduct environmental scanning was implemented. The supporting staff checks the environment at the beginning of each shift to ensure the ward environment is safe and free of obstacles.

Result

Nearly one year after implementation of the program till December 2012, there was significant decrease in fall incident rate from 7 cases in 2010 & 2011 to 4 case in the male ward. The most importance is that staff engagement and & environmental safety were enhanced that is essential in success in fall prevention.