

# HEALTH SERVICES POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL

North Carolina Department Of Correction  
Division Of Prisons

SECTION: Assessment of Patient

POLICY # A-10

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SUBJECT: Falls Screening/Alert

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 2004

SUPERCEDES DATE: None

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## PURPOSE

To identify patients at risk for falls and implement strategies by which a fall may be prevented, and initiate a standard of care for those patients at risk for fall.

## POLICY

Upon admission to any inpatient medical facility, including infirmaries, skilled units, and long term care units, all patients will be assessed for risk of falling using the Fall Risk Screen form. All patients identified by use of Falls Risk Screen by the RN, will have a Plan of Care for Fall Alert Patients initiated.

## PROCEDURE

1. On admission to inpatient facility medical unit including infirmaries, skilled units, and long term care units, the Fall Risk Screen will be completed by the RN.
2. If patient has been identified as a fall risk by use of this screening tool, the Plan of Care for Fall Alert Patients will be implemented immediately.
3. The patient will be reassessed, a minimum of weekly for acute care and monthly for long term patients and Plan of Care discontinued as condition warrants.
4. Once discontinued, the Plan may be reinstated at any time.



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