

**Series Title:** Fall Prevention Program Reboot

**Session Title:** Considering all the Evidence: Assessing Fall Risk Critically

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**Course Description:**

This presentation is designed to strengthen clinical decision-making and interdisciplinary accountability in fall risk identification and prevention. The information goes beyond routine screening tools to emphasize critical thinking, timely reassessment, and resident-specific risk analysis. Participants will explore how clinical changes, medication, environment, and systems of care interact to increase fall risk, and how gaps between assessment, care planning, and implementation contribute to adverse outcomes.

**Projected Learning Outcomes/Course Objectives:** At the conclusion of each session, the learner will:

1. Identify key factors contributing to fall risk
2. Link assessment findings to individualized, effective fall prevention interventions
3. Recognize documentation and communication gaps that increase fall risk
4. Apply interdisciplinary and QAPI principles to analyze falls and reduce occurrence

<b>List Learning Objectives: What participants will gain from attending this session:</b>	<b>Content: Bullet-point list of information covered to meet learning objective</b>
Identify key factors contributing to fall risk	-Review of intrinsic and extrinsic fall risk factors commonly seen in skilled nursing populations  -Evaluate effectiveness and limitations of fall risk assessment tools
Link assessment findings to individualized, effective fall prevention interventions	-Review of fall risk assessment findings and meaningful resident-centered interventions  -Apply critical thinking to fall risk assessment and reassessment related to falls, changes in condition, and care transitions
Recognize documentation and communication gaps that increase fall risk	-Areas of opportunity frequently identified in skilled nursing facilities  -Principles of documentation

Apply interdisciplinary and QAPI principles to analyze falls and reduce occurrence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Roles in identifying, communication, and mitigating fall risk</li> <li>-Analyze individual resident fall events and trends to identify root cause and opportunities for improvement</li> </ul>
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**Course Content**

20 minutes	Key factors contributing to fall risk
20 minutes	Link assessment findings to individualized, effective fall prevention interventions and utilizing QAPI principles
15 minutes	Documentation principles and frequent communication opportunities
5 minutes	Closing Comments/Q&A

**Target Audience:** Nursing Leadership, Nursing Home Administrators, Department Heads, Owners/Operators, QAPI team

**Instructional Level:** Intermediate

**Contact Hours:** 1.0