QUALITY MEASURE TIP SHEET:
Falls With Major Injury — Long Stay

Quality Measure Overview
This measure is a look-back scans measure. If the resident had one or more falls with a major injury on one or more of the look-back scan assessments, it will trigger the measure.

- Measure triggers if the event/condition occurred any time during a one-year period.
- Fall history is obtained with a look-back of up to six months prior to admission.

Exclusions:
- The occurrence of fall was not assessed.
- The assessment indicates that a fall occurred and that the number of falls with major injury was not assessed.

MDS Coding Requirements
In the Minimum Data Set (MDS):
- Include fall history on admission/entry or re-entry.
- Include number of falls since admission/entry, re-entry, or prior assessment (Omnibus Reconciliation Act [OBRA] or scheduled Medicare Prospective Payment System assessment)—whichever is more recent.
- Indicate major injuries for:
  - Bone fractures.
  - Joint dislocations.
  - Closed head injuries with altered consciousness.
  - Subdural hematoma.

Ask These Questions ...
- Was the MDS coded as per the Resident Assessment Instrument requirements?
- Was a fall risk assessment completed on admission, quarterly, and with changes to identify appropriate risk?
- Was a process in place (based on fall score) to initiate preventive devices?
- Were preventive devices communicated to direct-care staff members?
- Are interventions monitored for placement and function?
- Are gait belts accessible for transfers?
- Do the nurses demonstrate competence for assessing fall risk?
- Are the direct-care staff members proficient in transfers and mobility functions?
- Are fall precautions taken if the resident is on anticoagulants, antidepressants, antiepileptics, antihypertensives, antiparkinson agents, benzodiazepines, diuretics, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory agents, psychotropics, vasodilators, laxatives, glycemic medications, tranquilizers, or hypnotics/sedatives?
- Are vision issues addressed?
- Is appropriate footwear used?
- Is the resident appropriately positioned?
- Are pain and comfort issues addressed?
- Are rest periods provided?
- Are activity programs individualized for the resident to meet his or her needs/preferences?
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