



**SAMPLE TOOL: Falls Prevention Assessment Inventory
 for Community/Outpatient Clinics**

Item	Yes	No	N/A	Observation
Patient uses crutches, cane, walker or handrails to ambulate				
Patient needs assistance from others to ambulate				
Patient ambulates with unsteady gait				
Patient has history of falls, dizziness, hyperventilation or lightheadedness				
Patient complains of falls, dizziness, hyperventilation, lightheadedness or imbalance				
Patient is being seen in clinic for complaint of falls, dizziness, lightheadedness or imbalance				
Patient states he/she is experiencing drug reaction, overdose or substance abuse reaction				
Patient has symptoms consistent with drug reaction, overdose or substance abuse reaction				
Patient admits to alcohol intoxication or has symptoms of alcohol intoxication				
Patient's has visual impairment				
Patient on medication consistent with orthostatic syndrome				
Post-op patient from day surgery				
Post-interventional diagnostic day procedure patient				
Examination table too small for height, wait, or girth of patient				Seat patient in appropriately sized wheel locked wheelchair or oversize char
Patient exhibits relentless or agitated state on examination table				
Examination table in close proximity to cabinets, tables, fixtures or devices				Move devices which might facilitate or exacerbate a fall
Other:				
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*Implement falls prevention patient safety protocol for those identified from checklist inventory.
 Communicate findings per falls prevention patient safety protocol.*

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