

## Screening and assessment tools for HNE Health settings

HNE Health's Acute/Subacute, Community and Residential Aged Care Falls Injury Prevention working parties have selected evidenced-based tools for falls injury prevention screening and assessment. These tools are to be used within all HNE Health clinical sites across the Area.

**Screening** tools are used to quickly identify those who require referral for more detailed investigation.

**Assessment** is the identification of individual risks to develop management plans to address the particular issues for that person.

## What tools should be used in different settings?

- **Acute/Subacute Screen** – Modified Ontario STRATIFY with Sydney scoring. This screen is included in the Initial Adult Inpatient Screening Tool that was launched in September 2009, and is now available via SALMAT. The PowerPoint presentation explaining how to score the items for this tool, and the required actions is available on the HNE Health Falls Injury Prevention website: [http://www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/hnepf/falls\\_injury\\_prevention](http://www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/hnepf/falls_injury_prevention).
- **Emergency Department, FROP.com screen** – a three-item tool to identify those people who require follow-up. This will be particularly useful for early intervention of at-risk people not admitted to hospital. It is part of the new ED Adult Assessment, Treatment and Observation form. The PowerPoint presentation explaining how to score the items for this tool is available on the HNE Health Falls Injury Prevention website: [http://www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/hnepf/falls\\_injury\\_prevention](http://www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/hnepf/falls_injury_prevention).
- **Residential Aged Care** – the Peninsular FRAT and the accompanying education package and

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support material will be rolled out with the support of Community Hospitals and the MPS Peak Forum group in early 2010. This FRAT is required for HNE Health sites with Residential Aged Care and settings with nursing home-type beds. It will also be available for private Residential Aged Care Facilities.

- **Community** – The falls risk screen that will be included in Preventive Care (SNAPIF) has five items. Yes to three or more items identifies those who require a more detailed QuickScreen© assessment. Peel Cluster will be the first HNE Health cluster to implement this process in early 2010.

The Policy Compliance Procedures mandating the use of the Acute/Subacute, ED and RACF tools are available on the Clinical Governance website:

[http://intranet.hne.health.nsw.gov.au/ppg/policies/hne\\_health\\_policy\\_compliance\\_procedures\\_for\\_nsw\\_health\\_policy\\_directives](http://intranet.hne.health.nsw.gov.au/ppg/policies/hne_health_policy_compliance_procedures_for_nsw_health_policy_directives) and see under PD 2005\_353

## Why is it important to use these tools?

It is important we use tools tested (validated) by research. This requires using a tool validated in the relevant setting and not changing the tool.

These tools aim to assist clinicians to develop an individualised plan of care that is appropriate to the care recipient.

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