

## FALLS - RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT OF INPATIENT FALLS

### POLICY STATEMENT

It is Bay of Plenty District Health Board's (BOPDHB) policy that there will be systems and processes in place to promote independence, safe mobilisation and to minimise the risk of harm from falls for all patients in BOPDHB facilities.

### PURPOSE

All inpatients are at high risk of falling, the purpose of the falls prevention and management program is to:

- Initiate appropriate individual assessment, interventions and strategies directed to minimise the risk
- Provide learning opportunities to patients, families and staff.
- Monitor, analyse and evaluate all patient falls and near misses.

### EXCLUSIONS

Non-inpatient units, non-inpatient falls will be reported through the reportable event system.

### REFERENCES

- [ACC. Information for Health Professionals. Falls](#)
- [ACC. Preventing Falls. Information for Older People](#)
- [Code of Health and Disability Services – Consumers Rights. Right 4.](#)
- Keep Babies Safe Poster
- [Health Quality and Safety Commission New Zealand. Reducing Harm from Falls.](#)

### ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 6.3.5 protocol 1 Falls – Risk Reduction and Management of Inpatient Falls - Standards
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 2.1.1 Risk Management
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 2.1.3 Hazard Management
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 2.1.4 Incident Management
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 1.2.4 protocol 3 Restraint Minimisation & Safe Practice - Reporting
- Bay Of Plenty District Health Board Policy 6.1.5 Protocol 1 Alerts – Medical (Allergic Responses / Adverse Reactions And High Risk Issues)
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 7.104.1 protocol 2 Care Delivery - Nursing & Midwifery Shift Handover
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 7.104.1 protocol 5 Care Delivery – Nursing & Midwifery Assessment Standards

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- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Clinical Practice Manual protocol CPM.E1.1 Enablers (Restraint Minimisation & Safe Practice)
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Clinical Practice Manual protocol CPM.D1.1 Delirium, Dementia And Depression In Older Adults - Care Guidelines
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Emergency Department protocol ED.F1.1 Fractured Neck Of Femur (NOF) Fast Track Standards (Tauranga Only)
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Adult Multi-Disciplinary Goals & Care Management Plan (7422)
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Multidisciplinary A to D Planner (7760)
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Moving Safely & Preventing Falls: Information for Patients, Family and Friends
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Moving Safely Bed Card

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