



WEBINAR

Preventing Patient Falls: What Healthcare Facilities Should Know

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Cost: \$195 to NHA members (per hospital, no charge for additional lines, recordings available up to 60 days after the webinar)

Target Audience

Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Nursing Officer, Compliance Officer, Joint Commission Coordinator, Quality Improvement personnel, Risk Manager, Legal Counsel

Course Curriculum

Falls is an important patient safety and risk management issue as it is the number one hospital acquired condition. This webinar will discuss how to comply with the Joint Commission (TJC) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) hospital Conditions of Participation (CoP) standards on falls. This session will also include information on medications that increase the fall rate, and the pharmacist's role in the fall program.

Attendance is a must for anyone serving on the falls team in addition to any hospital staff members interested in preventing and reducing the number of falls in the

hospital setting. All hospitals should have a falls team, and these team members should receive the latest training and information available regarding falls.

Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this session, participants should be able to:

- Recall that every hospital should have a falls program
- Describe that all staff should know how to define what constitutes a fall, and how to measure the fall rate
- Explain that there are intrinsic and extrinsic causes of falls
- Recall that falls are one of the issues CMS will not pay for on Medicare patients if they occur during hospitalization and cause serious injury or death
- Discuss the issue of decreased mobility and how it can result in falls
- List evidenced based fall assessment tools used in inpatient and outpatient settings

Speaker Bio

Laura A. Dixon is the president of Healthcare Risk Education and Consulting. She previously served as the Director, Facility Patient Safety and Risk Management and Operations for COPIC from 2014 to 2020. In her role, Ms. Dixon provided consultation and training to facilities, practitioners and staff in multiple states. Ms. Dixon has more than twenty years of clinical experience in acute care facilities, including critical care, coronary care, peri-operative services and pain management. Prior to joining COPIC, she served as the Director, Western Region, Patient Safety and Risk Management for The Doctors Company, Napa, California. In this capacity, she provided consultation to the physicians and staff for the western United States.

As a registered nurse and attorney, Laura holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Regis University, a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from Drake University College of Law, and a Registered Nurse Diploma from Saint Luke's School Professional Nursing. She is licensed to practice law in Colorado and California.

This speaker has no real or perceived conflicts of interest that relate to this presentation.