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*Falls Petition Evaluation Document Culturally Safe Falls Prevention Programs for Inuvialuit Elders Ethics in Biomedical Research Falls Among Community-Dwelling Older Adults: Determining the Relationship Between Social Networks and the Risk for Falls Research into Design for Communities, Volume 1 Research Paper*

"This book provides the practical recommendations, modifications, types of equipment, and resources that will improve the safety, health, and quality of life of older patients and residents of long-term care facilities. It also includes photocopiable forms and discharge checklists."--BOOK JACKET. This paper aims to outline the problem of increased patient fall encountered by healthcare professionals in the patients admitted to the hospital. This problem is basically confronted by the nursing staff because in the absence of the nursing staff the patients are un-assisted and fall while reaching for certain objects, walking or going to the bathroom. This problem leads to several other consequences like delay in recovery, delay in discharge of patients, complications to the patients and decreased overall satisfaction of the physician and the patients. This paper sets out to describe the problem from the view point of all the stakeholders, analyze the possible alternative solutions to the problem, chalks out the evaluation plan for the assessment of the solution, design the disseminating plan for the nursing community along with review of literature for forming informed recommendations for resolving the problem. After carrying out the initial analysis, one conceivable solution to the problem has been devised as 0-'Hourly rounding by nursing staff0+' to be available to the patients regularly to avoid falls. This paper also throws some light on the evidential support required to implement the possible solutions from past literary work done by the various

researchers in the area of preventing falls in patients by implementing hourly rounding of nurses. The further scope of the paper is to carry out research in the area of further reduction of all the factors responsible for the delay in discharge and recovery. The methodology followed to cover various aspects of the paper is secondary research done by journals, news articles, books and other credible sources available on internet like healthcare organization websites and published content by them. This book deals with the international assessment and regulation of biomedical research. In its chapters, some of the leading figures in today's bioethics address questions centred on global development, scientific advances, and vulnerability. The series Values In Bioethics makes available original philosophical books in all areas of bioethics, including medical and nursing ethics, health care ethics, research ethics, environmental ethics, and global bioethics. The WHO Falls Prevention for Active Ageing model provides an action plan for making progress in reducing the prevalence of falls in the older adult population. By building on the three pillars of falls prevention, the model proposes specific strategies for: 1. Building awareness of the importance of falls prevention and treatment; 2. Improving the assessment of individual, environmental, and societal factors that increase the likelihood of falls; and 3. For facilitating the design and implementation of culturally appropriate, evidence-based interventions that will significantly reduce the number of falls among older persons. The model provides strategies and solutions that will require the engagement of multiple sectors of society. It is dependent on and consistent with the vision articulated in the WHO Active Ageing Policy Framework. Although not all of the awareness, assessment, and intervention strategies identified in the model apply equally well

*in all regions of the world, there are significant evidence-based strategies that can be effectively implemented in all regions and cultures. The degree to which progress will be made depends on to the success in integrating falls prevention strategies into the overall health and social care agendas globally. In order to do this effectively, it is necessary to identify and implement culturally appropriate, evidence-based policies and procedures. This requires multi-sectoral, collaborations, strong commitment to public and professional education, interaction based on evidence drawn from a variety of traditional, complementary, and alternative sources. Although the understanding of the evidence-base is growing, there is much that is not yet understood. Thus, there is an urgent need for continued research in all areas of falls prevention and treatment in order to better understand the scope of the problem worldwide. In particular, more evidence of the cost-effectiveness of interconnections is needed to develop strategies that are most likely to be effective in specific setting and population sub-groups. Falls among community-dwelling older adults is a big public health problem, which have an effect on older adults' health, independence, and quality of life. The purpose of this study was to determine the relationship between social networks and the risk for falls among community-dwelling older adults. This was a descriptive correlational study, which utilized a cross-sectional survey for the data collection. The dependent and independent variable of this study were the risk for falls among the community-dwelling older adults, and the strength and type of social networks respectively. In this study, 218 community-dwelling older adults were recruited, who were living in the south-central Minnesota in the United States. A paper survey was distributed, which included the Demographic Tool, Fall Risk Questionnaire,*

and Lubben Social Network Scale. However, the total number of participants who completed the survey was 184 older adults. The results of this study showed that there is a weak negative relationship between the strength of social networks and the risk for falls, but was not statistically significant. It is recommended to conduct future research with the inclusion of gender as an independent variable to understand their impact on the relationship between social networks and the risk for falls. In the future, a tool that measures the impact of structural and functional dimensions of social networks on the risk for falls is necessary to understand the relationship between social networks and the risk for falls. This book showcases cutting-edge research papers from the 6th International Conference on Research into Design (ICoRD 2017) – the largest in India in this area – written by eminent researchers from across the world on design process, technologies, methods and tools, and their impact on innovation, for supporting design for communities. While design traditionally focused on the development of products for the individual, the emerging consensus on working towards a more sustainable world demands greater attention to designing for and with communities, so as to promote their sustenance and harmony - within each community and across communities. The special features of the book are the insights into the product and system innovation process, and the host of methods and tools from all major areas of design research for the enhancement of the innovation process. The main benefit of the book for researchers in various areas of design and innovation are access to the latest quality research in this area, with the largest collection of research from India. For practitioners and educators, it is exposure to an empirically validated suite of theories, models, methods and tools that can be taught and practiced for design-led innovation. The contents

of this volume will be of use to researchers and professionals working in the areas on industrial design, manufacturing, consumer goods, and industrial management. A study in the collision between Western medicine and the beliefs of a traditional culture focuses on a hospitalized child of Laotian immigrants whose belief that illness is a spiritual matter comes into conflict with doctors' methods. Falls in hospitals has been an increasing problem experienced throughout all health care facilities and has become a major problem in healthcare; not only for patients as it concerns their safety, but also for the cost that falls may cause. Patient falls are a leading cause of injuries in hospitals, considered to be among the most expensive adverse event, and continue to be a patient safety concern (Trepanier & Hilsenbeck, 2014).

Realizing this problem, much research has developed that aims to resolve or at best, reduce the quantity of falls that hospitals experience. Some research looks at education on falls, while others aim to resolve the issue by investigating medications that cause falls. Plenty of research is available to help support health care change in reducing falls, however, not one simple answer is provided in this research. This capstone will aim to provide healthcare workers with education on the research available on fall prevention, as well as include research suggestions in daily practice while keeping track of the implementations used and aim to test if a fall reduction goal of 50% can be met.

Problems that bedside nurses encounter while implementing fall preventions are one of the main reasons why health care experiences falls in their facilities. Of course it is impossible to guarantee that all falls will be eliminated, however, there is much that can be done to reduce the risk and improve outcomes of fall prevention. To do this, it is important to understand where the problem begins. Many

nurses feel overwhelmed by the abundant amount of tasks mounting up as they go about their day. Is there a simple solution to fall prevention? Can one intervention prove to work better than all the rest? Are bed alarms enough to reduce falls? This paper will show what research found, will educate on best evidence practice, and will propose a project in fall reduction to help meet a company's goal of fall reduction by 50% in a given time. Background: Falls account for approximately 42% of adverse events reported in hospitalized children. These falls can result in patient injury which can increase hospital length of stay (LOS) and costs of care and decrease satisfaction with care. It is estimated that one-third to approximately one-half of these falls may be preventable. As a result, regulatory bodies, including The Joint Commission, require that patients be evaluated for fall risk during hospitalization. The current approach to risk assessment focuses on the use of fall risk assessment tools in which nursing staff rate individual patients against characteristics identified as increasing risk of falling in the hospital. Many pediatric fall risk assessment tools were developed based on characteristics specific to the patient population at the organization where the tool was developed. It is not clear if these fall risk assessment tools will be similarly predictive in other pediatric patient populations. Thus, organizations should validate fall risk tool performance in their patient care settings and populations. Even with the use of validated fall risk assessment tools, hospital falls are difficult to predict and prevent. Parents are present 60 – 83% of the times when children fall in the hospital. It has been hypothesized that parent characteristics such as anxiety, fatigue, and stress may contribute to the risk of pediatric hospital falls by causing parents to be distracted or less vigilant.

However, this has not yet been tested. Objectives: This dissertation assesses an existing tool for predicting pediatric hospital falls and evaluates the feasibility of conducting a future study to describe associations of parent characteristics with falls in hospitalized children. These objectives are addressed in three papers. Paper one describes the predictive qualities of the Generalized Risk Assessment for Pediatric Inpatient Falls (GRAF-PIF) risk assessment tool in pediatric inpatient falls over a two-year period at a pediatric hospital. Paper two describes pediatric hospital fall risks identified in employee reports of pediatric falls over a two-year period and from a parent focus group discussion. Paper three evaluates the feasibility of conducting a future study to describe parental demographic and psychophysical characteristics associated with pediatric hospital falls. This paper identifies the sample size needed for an adequately powered future study. Finally, this paper provides recommendations for conducting a future study aimed at testing the association of parent demographic and psychophysical characteristics, specifically, anxiety; depression; fatigue; and sleep disturbance, and pediatric hospital falls. Research Design: A mixed-method study was undertaken to address the objectives. An observational case-control study using a retrospective review of GRAF-PIF scores and fall incident reports over a two-year period was used to describe predictive qualities of the fall risk assessment tool (paper one). A descriptive qualitative study was used to describe risks for pediatric hospital falls (paper two). A pilot study using an observational case-control design was used to evaluate the feasibility of and identify recommendations for conducting a future adequately powered study to test associations of parent characteristics with pediatric hospital falls (paper three). Results: The sensitivity



of GRAF-PIF scores in the study sample (136 fallers and 272 non-fallers) was 61% and specificity was 58%. Results yielded an estimated Receiver Operator Characteristic (ROC) curve with an Area Under the Curve (AUC) of 0.59. For children with high GRAF-PIF scores [greater than or equal to] 2 points, the odds of falling was 2.08 times that of children with lower scores. The Interdisciplinary Momentary Confluence of Events Model (IMCEM) provided the framework for categorizing risks associated with child, environmental human, parent, or caregiver characteristics from fall incident reports and the parent focus group discussion. Nineteen risk factors were identified in fall incident reports, most of which were patient-level factors. Identified risks from the incident reports fell into more than one risk category thus providing support for the multifactorial nature of fall causation as proposed in the IMCEM. Responses from parent focus group discussions were categorized into 5 groups: 1) changing conditions of the child and environment, 2) distractions, 3) parents functioning as a different part of themselves, 4) lack of knowledge of risks, and 5) education considerations. The category of lack of knowledge of risk had three subthemes of "newness", reliance on healthcare providers and changing conditions, and unexpected responses. For the pilot study, only four (28.6%) eligible faller dyads were recruited. Parental stress scores were correlated with anxiety and depression scores. Power calculations indicated a need for 392 fallers and 1,176 non-fallers for a future hypothesis testing study. Conclusions: Sensitivity and specificity of fall risk assessment tools may vary in different populations. The GRAF-PIF was only slightly better than chance at identifying fallers versus non-fallers. However, a score of two or more points was associated with a higher odds of falling. Thus, fall risk assessment tools can be used

as part of the assessment of patient fall risk assessment. However, the use of these tools must be accompanied with a critical evaluation of other factors which may be associated with pediatric hospital falls. Parents are often with children when they fall in the hospital. It is important to identify and describe parent characteristics associated with the child's fall risk. If parent characteristics are found to be associated with pediatric hospital fall risk, the healthcare team can partner with parents to identify and develop strategies to mitigate these characteristics to improve safety of the hospitalized child. A study to understand these associations may be limited by the sample size needed for an adequately powered study. A multi-site study should be undertaken to improve the likelihood of recruiting a sufficient sample. This study also provides recommendations for recruiting parent subjects and tool refinement to decrease concerns of multicollinearity among the data. Offering a comprehensive look at physical therapy science and practice, Guccione's Geriatric Physical Therapy, 4th Edition is a perfect resource for both students and practitioners alike. Year after year, this text is recommended as the primary preparatory resource for the Geriatric Physical Therapy Specialization exam. And this new fourth edition only gets better. Content is thoroughly revised to keep you up to date on the latest geriatric physical therapy protocols and conditions. Five new chapters are added to this edition to help you learn how to better manage common orthopedic, cardiopulmonary, and neurologic conditions; become familiar with functional outcomes and assessments; and better understand the psychosocial aspects of aging. In all, you can rely on Guccione's Geriatric Physical Therapy to help you effectively care for today's aging patient population. Comprehensive coverage of geriatric physical therapy prepares

students and clinicians to provide thoughtful, evidence-based care for aging patients. Combination of foundational knowledge and clinically relevant information provides a meaningful background in how to effectively manage geriatric disorders Updated information reflects the most recent and relevant information on the Geriatric Clinical Specialty Exam. Standard APTA terminology prepares students for terms they will hear in practice. Expert authorship ensures all information is authoritative, current, and clinically accurate. NEW! Thoroughly revised and updated content across all chapters keeps students up to date with the latest geriatric physical therapy protocols and conditions. NEW! References located at the end of each chapter point students toward credible external sources for further information. NEW! Treatment chapters guide students in managing common conditions in orthopedics, cardiopulmonary, and neurology. NEW! Chapter on functional outcomes and assessment lists relevant scores for the most frequently used tests. NEW! Chapter on psychosocial aspects of aging provides a well-rounded view of the social and mental conditions commonly affecting geriatric patients. NEW! Chapter on frailty covers a wide variety of interventions to optimize treatment. NEW! Enhanced eBook version is included with print purchase, allowing students to access all of the text, figures, and references from the book on a variety of devices. Since the first edition of this very successful book was written to synthesise and review the enormous body of work covering falls in older people, there has been an even greater wealth of informative and promising studies designed to increase our understanding of risk factors and prevention strategies. This second edition, first published in 2007, is written in three parts: epidemiology, strategies for prevention, and future research

directions. New material includes recent studies covering: balance studies using tripping, slipping and stepping paradigms; sensitivity and depth perception visual risk factors; neurophysiological research on automatic or reflex balance activities; and the roles of syncope, vitamin D, cataract surgery, health and safety education, and exercise programs. This edition will be an invaluable update for clinicians, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, nurses, researchers, and all those working in community, hospital and residential or rehabilitation aged care settings. In Canada, falls are one of the leading causes of injury and deaths for seniors. These types of injuries can typically be avoided through falls prevention programs, and past studies suggest that these health services have significantly reduced seniors' falls risk and rates in Canada. Despite the abundance of falls prevention research, practices and programs available in the country, Aboriginal Elders remain overrepresented in fall-related injury and fatality rates. The elevated rates of falls for Aboriginal Elders indicate that current falls prevention programs and standards may not be reaching those most vulnerable to fall hazards and injuries. My thesis is written in the publishable paper format and is comprised of two papers. Using an exploratory case study methodology in paper one, I investigated the social determinants of health that Inuvialuit Elders and LFPPs identify as factors that increase, decrease, or have no effect on the likelihood of an Inuvialuit Elder experiencing a fall. Together, we found that personal health status and conditions, personal health practices and coping skills, physical environments, social support networks, and access to health services increase Inuvialuit Elders likelihood of experiencing a fall, health practices and coping skills and access to health services decrease Inuvialuit Elders likelihood

of experiencing a fall, and culture has no affect on the likelihood of Inuvialuit Elders experiencing a fall. In paper two, I used a participatory action research approach informed by postcolonial theory to examine what current falls prevention recommendations are offered by local falls prevention programmers (LFPPs) in order to reduce fall rates among Inuvialuit Elders in Inuvik, Northwest Territories, Canada; and to understand how falls prevention programs for Inuvialuit Elders can be co-created with participants to be culturally safe. In it, I provide the recommended strategies of developing and implementing a culturally safe falls prevention program for Inuvialuit Elders, as suggested by the LFPPs and Inuvialuit Elders who participated in the research. Taken together, the papers in this thesis make it apparent that research concerning falls prevention for Aboriginal Elders and falls prevention programs continues to be influenced by colonial practices. As a result, there is a demonstrated need for program development and research in this area to work towards reducing health disparities and challenging colonial practices. The Stepping On program is a community-based falls-prevention program that shows participants how to reduce falls, increase confidence and maintain personal independence. Originally developed in Australia, based on research and scientifically proven to work, the Stepping On program is now internationally recognised as best practice in falls prevention. The Stepping On manual is aimed at health workers with a passion for aged care. It offers a step-by-step guide to running the seven-week group program, plus essential background information. Topics covered include understanding the risk of falls, identifying home hazards, the role of vision in causing and preventing falls, staying safe in public places, strength and balance exercises, and much more. The manual includes a guide to useful resources,

handouts for group participants, and suggestions for recruitment and evaluation. This new edition has been thoroughly revised and redesigned to incorporate cutting-edge research, professional feedback, and over fifteen years' experience of running of the program. As well as the latest fall-prevention research, the revised manual contains an expanded section on working with culturally and linguistically diverse groups, simplified exercises for participants to do at home, and new stories and illustrations. 'This is an invaluable manual incorporating the latest evidence for falls prevention in the community.' Professor Lyn March AM, University of Sydney and Royal North Shore Hospital, Sydney 'This new Stepping On manual will be a wonderful resource for many health professionals like myself who work with patients who have had falls and fractures. It is definitely my "go-to" resource in our very busy clinic!' Lillias Nairn, North Shore Ryde Health Service A range of handouts and supplementary materials are available for download. Please click on the Table of Contents tab for links to download the supplementary materials. Despite of the enormous efforts of researchers and clinicians to understand the pathophysiology of falls in older adults and establish preventive treatments, there is still a significant gap in our understanding and treating of this challenging syndrome, particularly when we focus in cognitively impaired older adults. Falls in older adults are a very common yet complex medical event, being the fifth leading cause of death and a main cause of insidious disability and nursing home placement in our world aging population. Importantly, falls in the cognitively impaired double the prevalence of the cognitively normal, affecting up of 60% of older adults with low cognition and increasing the risk of injuries. The past decade has witnessed an explosion of new knowledge in the role of cognitive processes into the falls

mechanisms. This was also accompanied with clinical trials assessing the effect of improving cognition via pharmacological and non-pharmacologic approaches to prevent falls and related injuries. Unfortunately, this revolution in emerging interventions left a gap between clinician-scientists and researchers at academic centers where the new data had been generated and the practitioners who care for cognitively impaired patients with falls. Most advances are published in specialty journals of geriatric medicine, neurology, and rehabilitation. The aim of this book is to reduce this gap and to provide practical tools for fall prevention in cognitively impaired populations. The proposed book is designed to present a comprehensive and state-of-the-art update that covers the pathophysiology, epidemiology, and clinical presentation of falls in cognitively impaired older adults. We additionally aim to reduce the knowledge gap in the association between cognitive processes and falls for practitioners from a translational perspective: from research evidence to clinical approach. We will address gaps and areas of uncertainty but also we will provide practical evidence-based guidelines for the assessment, approach, and treatment of falls in the cognitively impaired populations. This book is a unique contribution to the field. Existing textbooks on fall prevention focus in global approaches and only tangentially address the cognitive component of falls and not purposely address special populations and/or settings as residential care and nursing homes. Due to the expected increase of proportion of older adults with cognitive and mobility impairments, this book is also valuable for the whole spectrum of the health care of the elderly. By including a transdisciplinary perspective from geriatric medicine, rehabilitation and physiotherapy medicine, cognitive neurology, and public health, this book will provide a

practical and useful resource with wide applicability in falls assessment and prevention. Fall related injuries are at the forefront in health care and as patients age this is of particular concern for hospital staff and Billings Clinic hospital is eager to find a solution. The literature does support that hourly rounding is an effective strategy for patient safety and preventing falls (Dyck, Thiele, Kebicz, Klassen, and Erenberg, 2013). This study will discuss some of the reasons that the research shows as to why patients continue to fall despite the attempts to keep them safe and if hourly rounding and education makes a difference in the safety of the patients in preventing falls (Tucker, 2012). The most common adverse event that occurs in hospitals that results in fear of falling, morbidity and mortality is patient falls. There are mixed findings regarding the populations that are at the most risk and there are studies conducted to see which interventions provide the best evidence based practice for the patient (Tucker, 2012). The hospital where this nurse works, Billings Clinic, is eager to augment other tools and evidence based research in order to work towards a solution to patient falls in the hospitalized patient. This paper seeks to answer the question: Among nursing staff caring for hospitalized patients, is hourly rounding and education more effective than PRN rounding and education in preventing falls and ensuring patient safety? *THINGS FALL APART* tells two overlapping, intertwining stories, both of which center around Okonkwo, a "strong man" of an Ibo village in Nigeria. The first of these stories traces Okonkwo's fall from grace with the tribal world in which he lives, and in its classical purity of line and economical beauty it provides us with a powerful fable about the immemorial conflict between the individual and society. The second story, which is as modern as the first is ancient, and which elevates the



book to a tragic plane, concerns the clash of cultures and the destruction of Okonkwo's world through the arrival of aggressive, proselytizing European missionaries. These twin dramas are perfectly harmonized, and they are modulated by an awareness capable of encompassing at once the life of nature, human history, and the mysterious compulsions of the soul. THINGS FALL APART is the most illuminating and permanent monument we have to the modern African experience as seen from within. v. 1. Research findings -- v. 2. Concepts and methodology -- v. 3.

Implementation issues -- v. 4. Programs, tools and products. Falls in patients cause injury and harm to patients on a daily basis. This paper will discuss the effect falls have on patients, their families, and healthcare professionals. Many factors affect why a patient is considered a fall risk and there are many tools out there to assist healthcare professionals in assessing whether a patient is considered high risk for falling. Every year one in three persons over the age of 65 falls each year, and this number increases to one in two by the age of 80 (National Council on Aging, 2014). There are 37.3 million falls that are severe enough to require medical attention each year.

Prevention strategies should emphasize education, training, creating safer environments, prioritizing fall-related research and establishing effective policies to reduce risk (World Health Organization, 2014). One solution to falls would be the initiation of hourly rounding. Hourly rounding has been shown to reduce falls as well as improve patient satisfaction and promotes quality use of healthcare worker's time. The implementation of hourly rounding would require a team of workers dedicated to the work of fall prevention. This team would work together to educate professionals on hourly rounding using presentations and pamphlets. Evaluation is key to understand where

work can improve in the hourly rounding process and to support findings no matter how small or large. Implementation should be done for a minimum of twelve weeks along with support from leaders and team members. Following implementation and evaluation, dissemination is key to acknowledge the work done and the effort done by staff. This new open access edition supported by the Fragility Fracture Network aims at giving the widest possible dissemination on fragility fracture (especially hip fracture) management and notably in countries where this expertise is sorely needed. It has been extensively revised and updated by the experts of this network to provide a unique and reliable content in one single volume. Throughout the book, attention is given to the difficult question of how to provide best practice in countries where the discipline of geriatric medicine is not well established and resources for secondary prevention are scarce. The revised and updated chapters on the epidemiology of hip fractures, osteoporosis, sarcopenia, surgery, anaesthesia, medical management of frailty, peri-operative complications, rehabilitation and nursing are supplemented by six new chapters. These include an overview of the multidisciplinary approach to fragility fractures and new contributions on pre-hospital care, treatment in the emergency room, falls prevention, nutrition and systems for audit. The reader will have an exhaustive overview and will gain essential, practical knowledge on how best to manage fractures in elderly patients and how to develop clinical systems that do so reliably. Falls and fall-related injuries among older adults have emerged as serious global health concerns, which place a burden on individuals, their families, and greater society. As fall incidence rates increase alongside our globally aging population, fall-related mortality, hospitalizations, and costs are reaching never seen before heights. Because falls occur in clinical and

community settings, additional efforts are needed to understand the intrinsic and extrinsic factors that cause falls among older adults; effective strategies to reduce fall-related risk; and the role of various professionals in interventions and efforts to prevent falls (e.g., nurses, physicians, physical therapists, occupational therapists, health educators, social workers, economists, policy makers). As such, this Research Topic sought articles that described interventions at the clinical, community, and/or policy level to prevent falls and related risk factors. Preference was given to articles related to multi-factorial, evidence-based interventions in clinical (e.g., hospitals, long-term care facilities, skilled nursing facilities, residential facilities) and community (e.g., senior centers, recreation facilities, faith-based organizations) settings. However, articles related to public health indicators and social determinants related to falls were also included based on their direct implications for evidence-based interventions and best practices. At the Mariani Foundation meeting held in Milan, October 1995, highly qualified specialists were invited to assist in understanding of the basic principles of cerebral development and brain function, with specific attention to those structures and mechanisms involved in the phenomenon of falls. Epiliptologists illustrate the different semiologic modalities and clinical conditions in which the fall is an essential symptom. A main part of the book is dedicated to the medical and surgical treatment of syndromes where falls appear in the foreground. This volume has the mission of improving life conditions of children who suffer from drop seizures, by limiting the risks to which they are subjected, and to try and compensate for the psychological and social limitations affecting them. Since the late nineteenth century, Niagara Falls has

been heavily engineered to generate energy behind a flowing façade designed to appeal to tourists. *Fixing Niagara Falls* reveals the technological feats and cross-border politics that facilitated the transformation of one of the most important natural sites in North America. Daniel Macfarlane shows how this natural wonder is essentially a tap: huge tunnels around the reconfigured Falls channel the waters of the Niagara River, which ebb and flow according to the tourism calendar. This book offers a unique interdisciplinary and transborder perspective on how the Niagara landscape embodies the power of technology and nature. Comprising a single repository of knowledge and scientific evidence in the field, this book provides strategies to mitigate fall risk by providing information on the complex interactions between aging processes, co-morbid conditions and prescribed medications in older patients. Geriatric health is becoming a more prominent issue as the population ages, and balancing the beneficial effects of medication against the potential and real side-effects in these patients involves a deliberate and thoughtful task: physiologic aging, the accumulation of co-morbidities, and the use of drugs to manage various conditions and symptoms generates a unique set of problems for each patient. Falls are a dreaded event in older people. The event can affect a person in a physical, and psychological manner, resulting in soft tissue and bony injury, fear of falling, and depression. The identification of and reduction in fall risks in older people is a worldwide concern, and reducing the incidence of falls is a ubiquitous quality measure of health care delivery. Heterogeneity amongst older people precludes a single solution. However, physicians and others involved in the care of geriatric patients will benefit from the presented insights into how medication use can be modified to limit its impact as a

contributing factor. "Nurses play a vital role in improving the safety and quality of patient care -- not only in the hospital or ambulatory treatment facility, but also of community-based care and the care performed by family members. Nurses need know what proven techniques and interventions they can use to enhance patient outcomes. To address this need, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), with additional funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, has prepared this comprehensive, 1,400-page, handbook for nurses on patient safety and quality -- Patient Safety and Quality: An Evidence-Based Handbook for Nurses. (AHRQ Publication No. 08-0043)." - online AHRQ blurb, <http://www.ahrq.gov/qual/nursesfdbk/> Child injuries are largely absent from child survival initiatives presently on the global agenda. Through this report, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund and many partners have set out to elevate child injury to a priority for the global public health and development communities. It should be seen as a complement to the UN Secretary-General's study on violence against children released in late 2006 (that report addressed violence-related or intentional injuries). Both reports suggest that child injury and violence prevention programs need to be integrated into child survival and other broad strategies focused on improving the lives of children. Evidence demonstrates the dramatic successes in child injury prevention in countries which have made a concerted effort. These results make a case for increasing investments in human resources and institutional capacities. Implementing proven interventions could save more than a thousand children's lives a day.--p. vii.

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