Reducing Harm from Falls – workshop with Dr Frances Healey

Frances will share her reflections on policy and leadership in falls prevention which will include the appropriate use of bedrails; assistance with dementia and confused patients; signalling; and footwear.

Midland & Central (combined regional workshop)

No charge
Wellington
9 April 2014
Start time: 9:15am
Finish: 3:00pm

Midland & Central Regional Falls Networks

The aim is mutual and local learning on improving falls prevention for older inpatients and residents, particularly those who are acutely ill or living with dementia. As the workshops are designed to help develop and support local and regional networks, we invite falls champions from all disciplines and sectors. Frances will draw practical implications from the current evidence on falls prevention to be applied to your initiatives and improvement projects.

About Dr Healey

Frances is a Registered Nurse (Adult, Mental Health) whose involvement in senior clinical and management roles in older persons’ care (in acute general and mental health settings) led to an interest in falls as one of the most significant safety risks for this vulnerable group. Her doctoral thesis encompassed an analysis of a national database (England and Wales) for inpatient falls and several multidisciplinary trials, which identified effective falls prevention interventions for national adoption. Her findings on the relationship between bed rail use and falls resulted in policy change nationally and internationally.

Frances’ leadership in national improvement projects at the National Patient Safety Agency and National Health Service (NHS), and publications in falls prevention are relevant to New Zealand at both policy and practical levels – and she is keen to learn from the approaches we’re taking in New Zealand. We have referenced her publications in many of the 10 Topics in reducing harm from falls, recognising her expertise in bringing together evidence and advocacy for critical thinking and clinical judgement in relation to an individual.

Frances is currently Senior Head of Patient Safety Intelligence, Research and Evaluation, Patient Safety Division, Nursing Directorate, NHS England. She will meet with the Health Quality & Safety Commission and other key stakeholders in Wellington on wider issues in patient safety while she is in New Zealand.

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Selected publications

Healey F. 2011. Implementing a Fall Prevention Program.

Selected projects

Frances has been leader or co-leader in these national (UK) projects:

- Using bedrails safely and effectively
- Slips, trips and falls in hospital
- Essential care after an inpatient fall
- Patient Safety First ‘How to’ Guide for Reducing harm from falls
- Large-scale pilot for a national audit in inpatient falls prevention
- FallSafe project, and associated quality improvement resource set and eLearning.

Who should attend: DONs, quality managers, falls managers, community-based falls champions

RSVP by 28 March 2014 to:

Midland region – Poppy Chapman (Poppy.Chapman@tdh.org.nz)
Central region – Kathryn Jackson (Kathryn.Jackson@hawkesbaydhb.govt.nz)

Numbers will be limited to 40 people. Lunch will be provided and will include vegetarian and non-vegetarian options. Please confirm your food preference with your RSVP .

Wellington venue:
The University of Otago, Wellington Conference Centre
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Newtown
Wellington