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## 1. Introduction

The fall of an older person can have an enduring and devastating impact, resulting in injury, chronic pain, a reduced quality of life and, in severe cases, death. Almost half of those who fall experience a minor injury and between 5 and 25 percent suffer from more serious injury, such as a fracture or a sprain (Herman, Gallagher & Scott, 2006). Falls are the leading cause of injury-related hospitalizations among seniors (Public Health Agency of Canada, 2005). Falls are the cause of most hip fractures among seniors and 20% die within a year of the fracture (Public Health Agency of Canada, 2005). In addition, the psychological impact of a fall may result in a post-fall syndrome that includes dependence on others for daily activities, loss of autonomy, confusion, immobilization and depression (World Health Organization, 2008).

It is estimated that one in three persons over the age of 65 is likely to fall at least once each year (World Health Organization, 2008; Scott, Peck & Kendall, 2004; Tinetti & Speechley, 1989; O'Loughlin et al., 1993). In Canada, this translated into approximately 1.4 million seniors who fell at least once in 2005. With the number of older persons in Canada projected to increase from 4.2 million to 9.8 million between 2005 and 2036 (Human Resources and Skills Development Canada, 2010), the estimated number of older persons who will fall at least once in 2036 will increase to 3.3 million.

In 2004, adults aged 65 years and older accounted for about 13% of our population and direct health care costs for fall-related injuries were \$2.0 billion (SmartRisk, 2010). By 2031, it is projected that older adults will make up 24% of Canada's entire population and approximately \$4.4 billion will be spent on direct health care costs for fall-related injuries among this age population (SmartRisk, 2010).

The impact of falls among older persons on Canadians and the Canadian health care system has been recognized at national, provincial, and territorial levels. As a result, concerted efforts to reduce falls among older Canadians are being made throughout Canada. While many evidence-based fall prevention initiatives are well underway, barriers still exist to maximizing fall prevention efforts through the integration of clinically relevant and scientifically proven efforts into routine practices. These barriers include gaps in knowledge on an optimal method for standardized reporting of falls and fall-related injuries, an incomplete understanding of the scope of fall-related hospitalizations within each province and territory, and a lack of awareness on the nature and impact of existing prevention activities.

The following is an analysis of the Canadian hospitalization data for fall-related injuries among persons aged 65 years and older using a methodology that addresses issues of standardization. This is followed by the results of a scan of fall prevention programs currently operating across Canada. The appendices to this document include a list of definitions of terms, the survey tool used in the scan of programs, and the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) epidemiological data.

## 2. Fall-related Hospitalizations Among Canadian Seniors

### 2.1 Methodology

Data for this report come from the Discharge Abstract Database (DAD)<sup>1</sup>. The analyses use an episode-based methodology, where all discharges, including transfers related to a given injury are counted as a single case. This methodology differs from the methodology used in previous reports such as the Report on Seniors' Falls in Canada (Public Health Agency of Canada, 2005) and Economic Burden of Injury Report (SMARTRISK, 2009). In these reports, a separation-based methodology is used, where each discharge or transfer is treated as an individual case of hospital separation. This distinction is important as it can impact the reported number of cases, the length of stay, and the direct hospital costs associated with falls. Specifically, the rates associated with hospital separations tend to be higher than the rates associated with episodes of care. This can lead to an overestimate of the demand for care, and an underestimate of the resource utilization involved in treating falls in acute care hospitals (i.e., length of stay). Thus, shifting from separations to episodes of care provides a more comprehensive view of the extent of acute care involved in treating fall related hospitalizations.

The analyses presented here include fall-related hospitalization episodes and rates, length of hospital stay, injury type, place of occurrence of the fall, and differences by age group and gender for seniors aged 65 and over for the year 2008/09. Hospitalizations with unknown age, gender, and/or gender coded as other were excluded. Definitions of terms used for these analyses are provided in Appendix 1.

### 2.2 Findings

In the year 2008/09, 53,545 Canadians aged 65+ were hospitalized for a fall. This translates into an age-standardized rate of 15.5 per 1,000 seniors. Figure 1 shows the age-standardized rate of fall-related hospitalizations for seniors in 2008/09<sup>2</sup>. The rate is highest in the Territories (Nunavut, North West Territories and the Yukon), where the fall-related hospitalization rate is 18.3 per 1,000 seniors. However, these findings should be interpreted with caution due to the small number of cases (0.25 percent of the total number of cases for Canada). The Territories cover the northern-most area of Canada, where fall prevention efforts are just getting started in isolated pockets. While more investigation of fall prevention efforts in each province is needed before these findings can be fully explained, it may not be a coincidence that well-established fall prevention programming is found in three of the provinces with rates that are significantly lower than the Canadian rate – Ontario, Nova Scotia and British Columbia<sup>3</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Discharge Abstract Database (DAD): This database captures administrative, clinical and demographic information on inpatient events from acute care hospitals in Canada. Quebec does not report to the DAD.

<sup>2</sup> Confidence intervals are provided to aid interpretation. The width of the confidence interval illustrates the degree of variability associated with the rate. Rates are estimated to be accurate within the upper and lower confidence interval 19 times out of 20 (95% confidence interval).

<sup>3</sup> The rates for each province and the territories can only be compared to the Canadian rate and not to each other. The confidence intervals reflect the variability for the individual province/territory and do not take into account the variability between the provinces/territories,

Figure 1: Age-standardized Rate of Fall-Related Hospitalizations, Age 65+, 2008/09

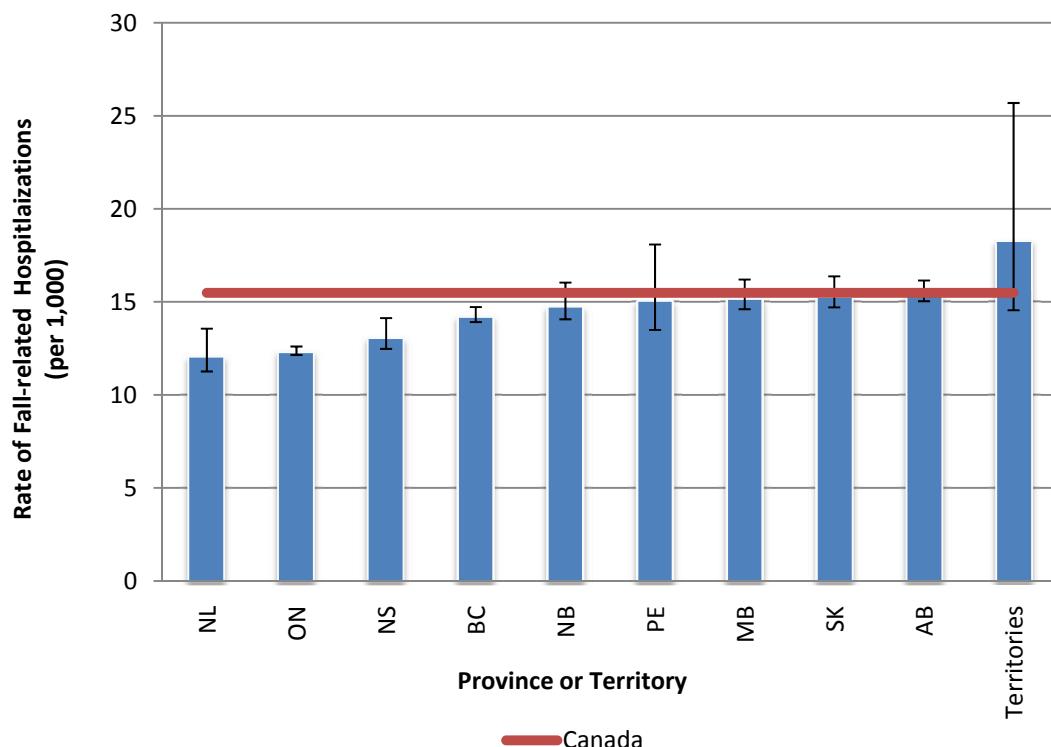


Figure 2 shows the crude rate by gender and age group for Canadians aged 65 and over for 2008/09. In 2008/09, the crude fall-hospitalization rate for women was 19.2 per 1,000 and the rate for men was 10.8 per 1,000. Canadian women aged 65-74 had rates of about 7.2 per 1,000 population, increasing to 52.7 per 1,000 in the 85 and over age group. Men had a similar rate to women in the 65-74 age group (5.2 per 1,000) but increased to only 35.0 per 1,000 in the 85 and over age group.

While both males and females have increasing rates of hospitalization by age, females were hospitalized for a fall at a higher rate than for males in comparable age groups. In addition, the rate of fall-related hospitalizations for females over 85 years of age is 7.2 times higher than that for females 65-74 years of age. The rate of fall-related hospitalizations for males over 85 years of age is 6.7 times higher than that for males 65-75 years of age.

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Figure 2: Crude Rate of Fall-related Hospitalizations by Age and Gender, Canada, Age 65+, 2008/09

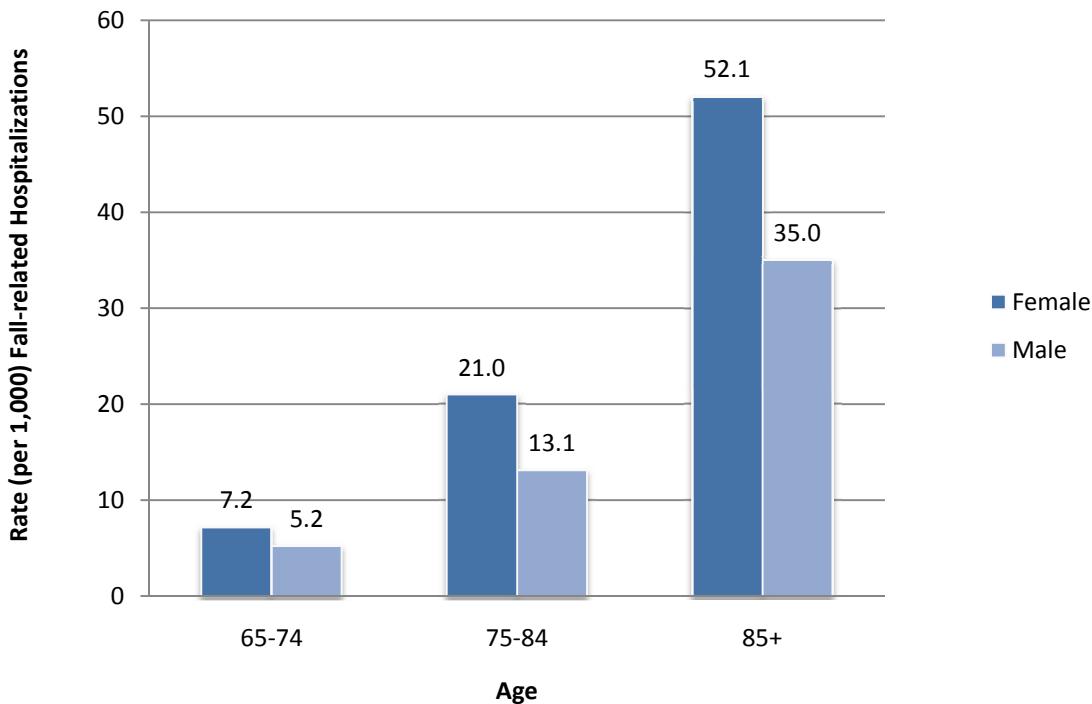


Figure 3 represents fall-related hospitalizations as a percentage of all injury-related hospitalizations among Canadian seniors. Fall-related injuries are the leading cause of injury hospitalization for seniors in all Canadian provinces and territories and comprise between 73% (Territories) and 88% (Nova Scotia) of all injury-related hospitalizations. Overall in Canada, fall-related hospitalizations (N=53,545) comprise 85% of all injury-related hospitalizations (N=62,945) among those aged 65 years and older.

When compared to all reasons for hospitalization among Canadian seniors, fall-related hospitalizations account for 7.3%, with Newfoundland having the lowest percentage (5.3%) and British Columbia having the highest (8.2%).

Figure 3: Percent of All Injury Hospitalizations for Seniors Related to a Fall, Age 65+, 2008/09

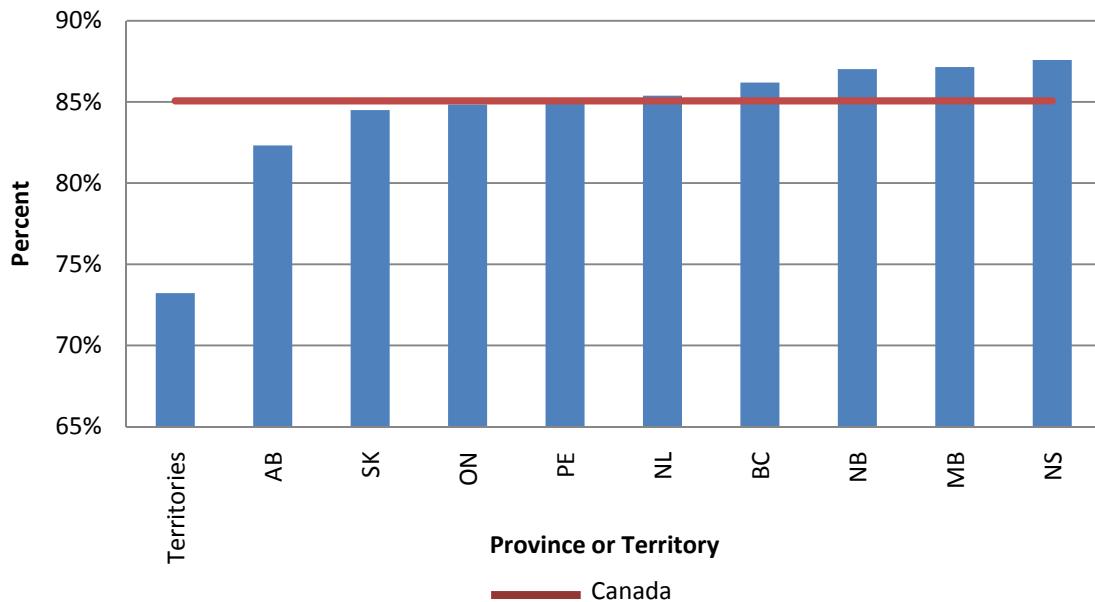


Figure 4 shows the place of occurrence of falls that led to a hospitalization for Canadians aged 65 and over for 2008/09<sup>4</sup>. Over half (51%) of falls resulting in hospitalization (N=27,306) occurred in or around the home. Falls in residential institutions accounted for 18% (N=9,462) of hospitalizations due to falls among those aged 65 and over.

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<sup>4</sup> Other includes: Street and highway, trade and service area, industrial and construction, farm, and other specified place

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Figure 4: Place of Fall Occurrence, Age 65+, 2008/09

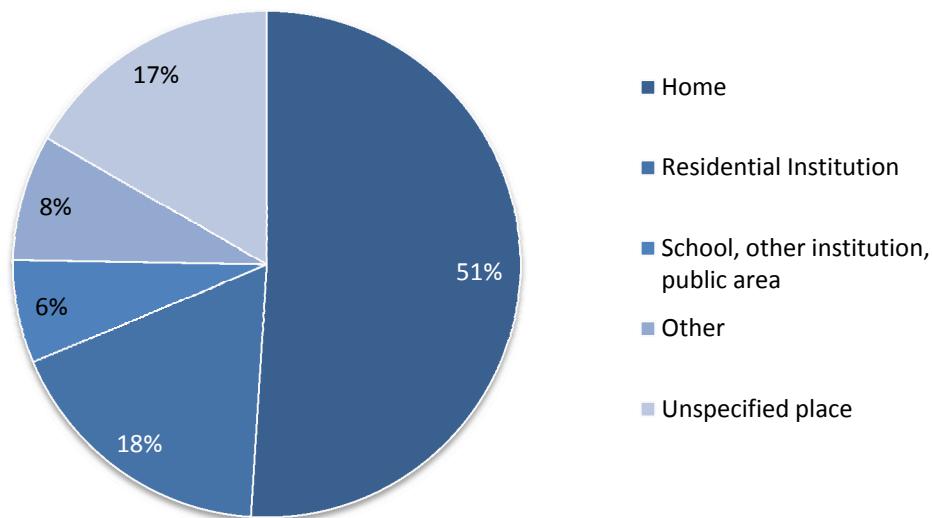
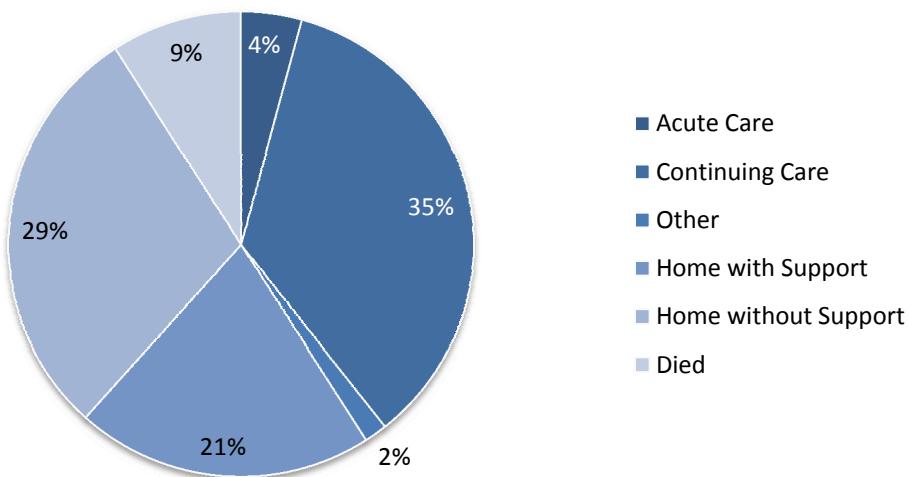


Figure 5 shows where Canadians over 65 years of age were discharged to after being hospitalized for a fall in 2008/09<sup>5</sup>. Thirty-five percent (N=18,800) of seniors discharged from a fall-related hospitalization were discharged to continuing care<sup>6</sup> despite the fact that only 18% (N=9,462) of falls leading to hospitalization occurred in continuing care settings.

Figure 5: Fall-Related Hospital Discharge Disposition, Age 65+, 2008/09



<sup>5</sup> Other includes other, signed out, and patients who do not return from a pass.

<sup>6</sup> Residential care is also known as long-term care, nursing home or complex care.

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Figure 6 illustrates the type of fall-related injury grouped by hip fracture, other fracture, and other injury by province or territory. In Canada, 38% of all seniors who were hospitalized because of a fall sustained a hip fracture and 39% sustained other types of fractures. Of the discharges to continuing care, 68% were living outside of continuing care prior to their fall. Deaths for this figure represent in-hospital deaths only and may or may not be directly related to a fall injury.

Figure 6: Percent of Fall-Related Injury by Injury Type, Age 65+, 2008/09

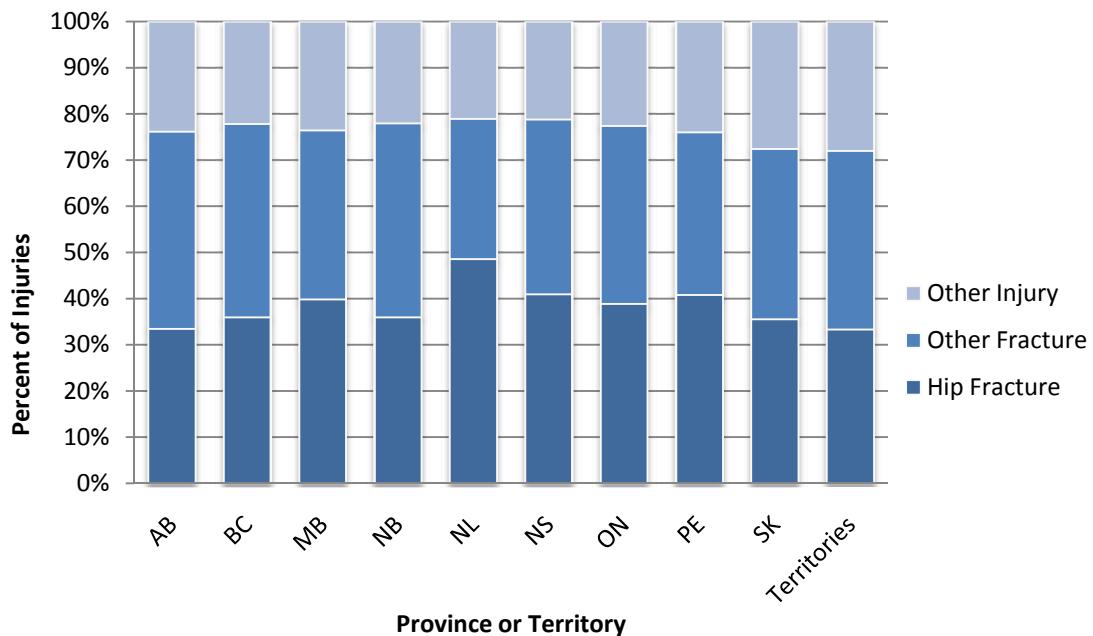


Figure 7 shows the percent of all hip fractures by province or territory that were related to a fall. Ninety-five percent (N=20,154) of all hip fractures in Canada (2008/09) were due to a fall. There is little variability between the provinces and territories.

Figure 7: Percent of Hip Fractures Related to a Fall

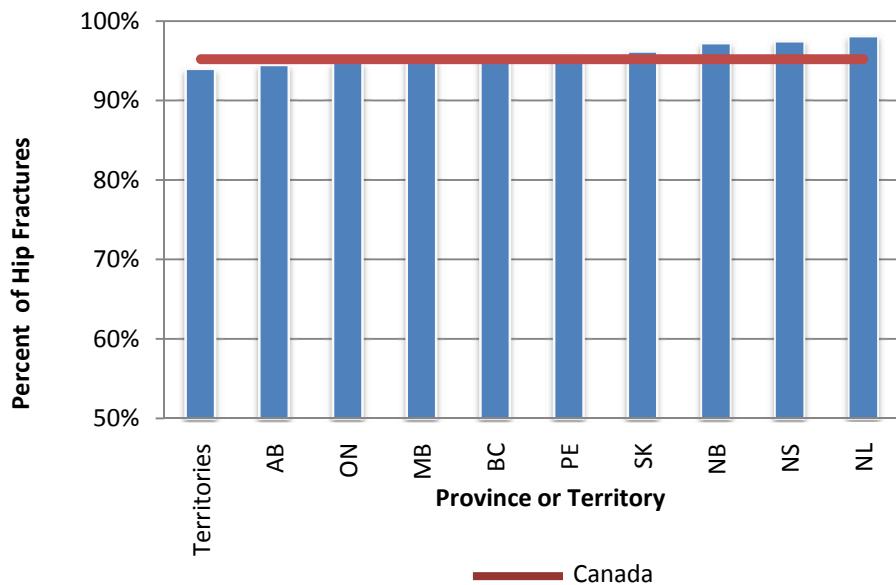


Figure 8 shows the average acute care length of stay for a fall-related injury and all other hospitalizations. The average acute length of stay for a fall-related injury was 70% longer (15.1 days) for Canada as a whole compared to the average length of stay for all other causes of hospitalization excluding falls (8.9 days) in 2008/09.

Figure 8: Mean Acute Length of Stay for Fall-Related Hospitalizations and All Other Hospitalizations, Age 65+, 2008/09

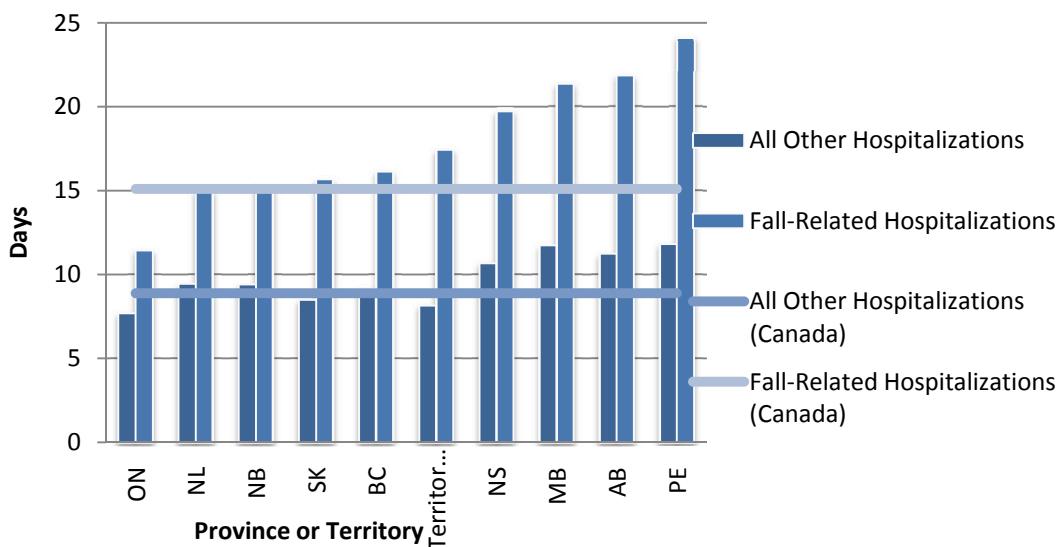
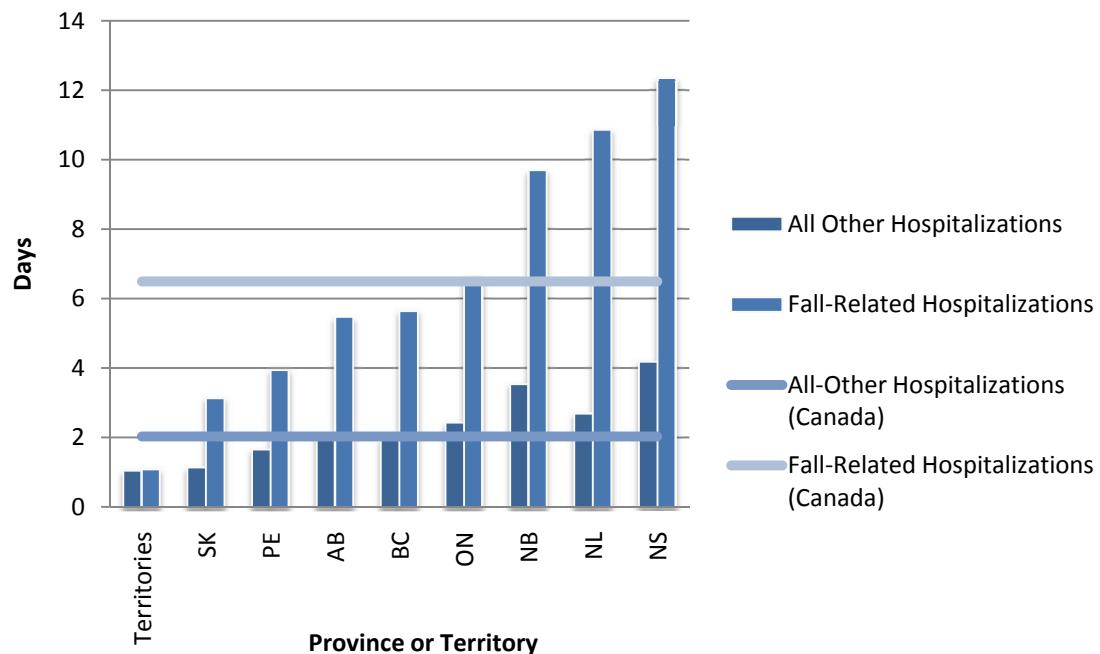


Figure 9 shows the mean alternate level of care (ALC) length of stay for fall-related hospitalizations and all other hospitalizations excluding falls<sup>7</sup>. The mean ALC length of stay for fall-related hospitalizations in Canada was over three times higher than the length of stay for all other hospitalizations in Canada (6.5 days versus 2 days). For all provinces and territories, the mean ALC length of stay is longer for fall-related hospitalizations than for all other hospitalizations. Across Canada, 67% of all fall-related ALC days were spent waiting for transfer into residential care in 2008/09.

Figure 9: Mean Alternative Level of Care Days, Falls and All Other Hospitalizations, Age 65+, 2008/09

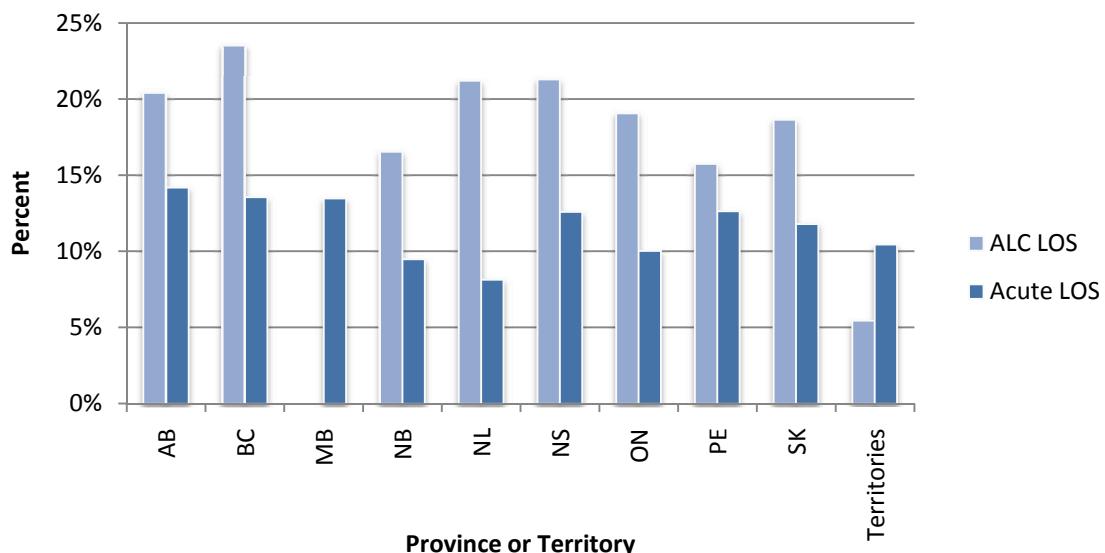


In 2008/09, fall-related hospitalizations accounted for 7.3% (N=53545) of the hospital cases for Canadians over 65 years of age. Fall-related hospitalizations accounted for 11.7% (808,671 days) of all acute hospitalization days and 19.9% (327,424) of all ALC hospitalization days. Figure 10 shows the percent of all acute and ALC hospitalization days accounted for by fall-related hospitalizations<sup>8</sup>.

<sup>7</sup> For Manitoba, data on alternative level of care is not included.

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Figure 10: Percent of All Acute and ALC days Accounted for by Fall-Related Hospitalizations, Age 65+, 2008/09



### 3. Scan of Fall and Fall-related Injury Prevention Initiatives in Canada

#### 3.1 Methodology

The purpose of this scan is to identify the current status, location, overview and goals of fall prevention initiatives across Canada. It was determined that the most efficient way to contact a wide variety of stakeholders (researchers, clinicians, community programmers, university affiliates and policy makers) would be to utilize electronic media (ie- e-mail and internet searching).

Several electronic survey systems were reviewed, and the VOVICI EFM Continuum Survey System was selected. This survey system is customizable, easy to use and free to affiliates of the University of British Columbia. Additionally, the VOVICI System is an efficient tool for results analysis and has the flexibility for consolidating responses into several different report formats.

Stakeholder identification for the scan was conducted using the following methods:

- 1) Identifying existing relevant networks:
  - BC Fall and Injury Prevention Coalition
  - Canadian Fall Prevention Education Collaborative
  - Injury Prevention Centers, such as the BC Injury Research and Prevention Unit
  - Delegates from the Canadian Fall Prevention Conference

2) Hand searching of internet:

- Using the Google search engine, fall prevention initiatives were searched by Province/Territory/ Region.
- Several search words were used, such as “British Columbia fall prevention”, “BC fall prevention”, “BC injury prevention”, “BC injury prevention for seniors”, “BC injury prevention for older adults”, “fall prevention older adults BC”, etc.
- Each Province/ Territory was subsequently searched with similar search engine key words.
- Search engine results were reviewed, and relevant programs added to an Excel spreadsheet database.

3) Snowball Sampling

- In the body of the e-mail, recipients were encouraged to forward the survey to all relevant networks and contacts.

This project was implemented by a Fall Prevention Scan research team comprised of fall prevention experts with knowledge of many national and provincial/territorial programs, and those familiar with on-line surveys. The content of the scan questionnaire was developed by the team based on a review of existing scans, including those by Scott and colleagues (2005) and the Public Health Agency of Canada (2001). Questions were designed to gather contact information, a project overview, and information specific to seniors' fall prevention. A list of preliminary questions was entered into the VOVICI Survey System for review and testing by the research team. Following several modifications, the revised version was sent electronically to selected representatives of fall prevention stakeholders across Canada. Feedback from these colleagues was incorporated into the final version of the survey questionnaire.

Contact information for the first round of identified stakeholders was inputted into the VOVICI Survey System, and the following introductory e-mail message was sent:

“Hello! We are conducting a scan of all current fall and fall-related injury prevention programs in Canada. This project is funded by the Public Health Agency of Canada and lead by Dr. Vicky Scott, Senior Advisor on Fall and Fall-Related Injury Prevention with the BC Injury Research and Prevention Unit, BC Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport, and Centre of Excellence on Mobility, Fall Prevention and Injury in Aging (CEMFIA).

We have contacted you specifically because either a) we are familiar with your work and would like to ensure it is captured in the scan; b) an internet search showed that you are working on a topic related to fall and fall-related injury prevention for older adults and we would like to learn more; or c) colleagues have recommended you complete this survey by forwarding you the link. In all cases, we would appreciate your contribution to this scan by completing the survey.

This survey will take approximately 5-10 minutes to complete, per program/ initiative/ research study. We ask that you complete a separate survey for each initiative - for instance, if you run one program for older adults in the community, and another program targeting older adults in assisted living, please submit these as two separate surveys.

We ask that all responses be submitted by Friday, March 5th, 2010. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Elliott at [sarah.elliott@gov.bc.ca](mailto:sarah.elliott@gov.bc.ca) or (250) 952-2113. Results of this survey will be presented at the Canadian Fall Prevention Conference, March 22 & 23, 2010 in Vancouver, BC, and will be compiled into a report for the Public Health Agency of Canada.

Thank you!"

The following was also added in the body of the e-mail:

"We also request that you forward this survey link to any of your networks or colleagues who may have initiatives to contribute to the scan."

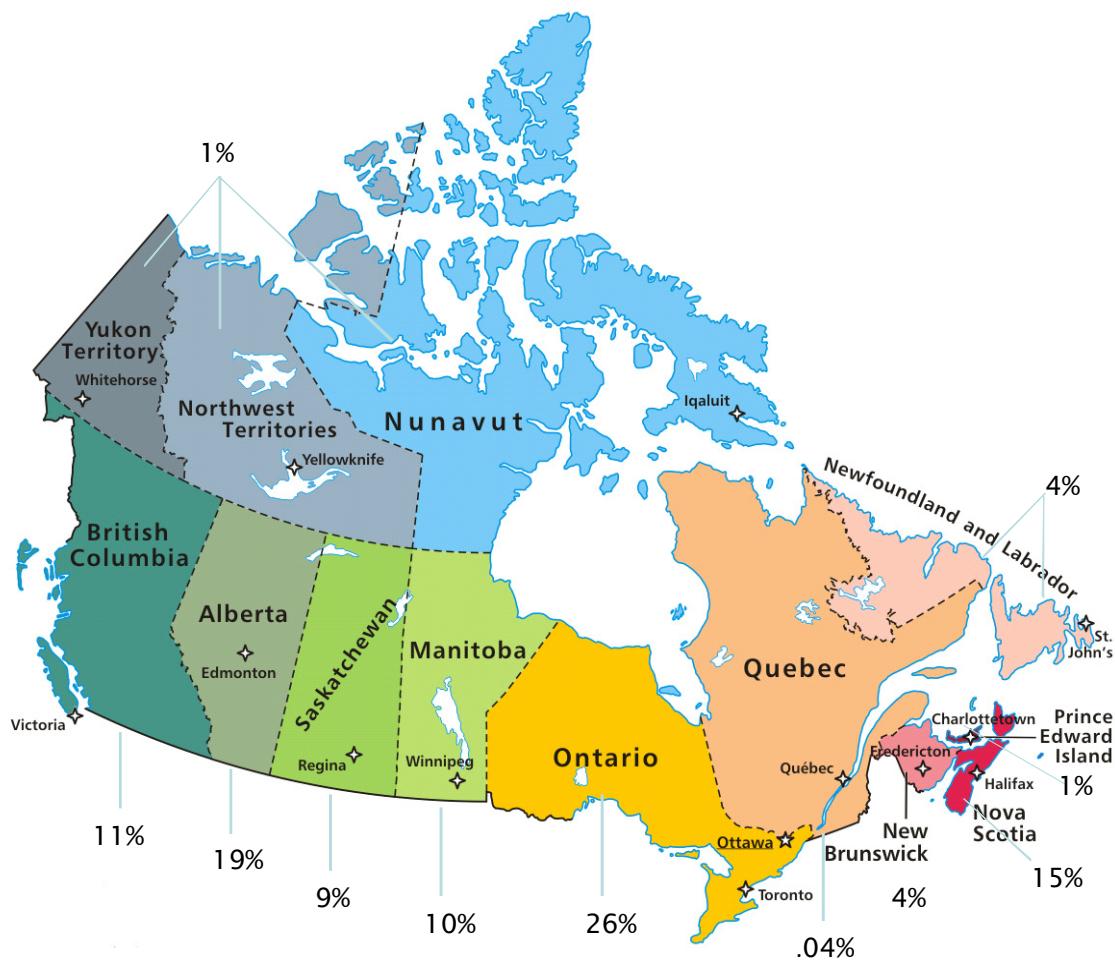
The survey link and above message was distributed to 796 e-mail addresses on Tuesday February 23, 2010 with a request to forward the e-mail to other relevant stakeholders. Recipients of the survey link were advised to submit their responses by Friday March 5, 2010. A number of stakeholders contacted the research team with difficulties accessing the survey system link from their work computers. To address this issue, there recipients were provided the Microsoft Word version of the questionnaire and asked to return this document via e-mail, by March 5, 2010.

A total of 208 completed scan questionnaires were received by the required date. Following this, the research team was advised by delegates of the Canadian Fall Prevention Conference (Vancouver BC, March 22-23, 2010) that some stakeholders in attendance had not received the survey questionnaire or had not had the opportunity to complete it before the requested deadline. In an effort to include every possible relevant Canadian fall prevention initiative, the survey was re-opened on Friday March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010 for an additional two weeks. All distribution lists were notified of this additional opportunity to complete the survey. At the conclusion of the second distribution of the survey, a total of 282 completed survey responses were received. The data collected were analyzed and sorted by Province/Territory and initiative type. Additional hand searching of the internet for specific programs was conducted to fill in any gaps for incomplete survey responses. A summary of the results are presented here, with in-depth findings presented in the appendices.

### **3.2 Findings**

Response Sample: The distribution of the 282 replies received is illustrated in Figure 11 below for each province and the territories. The greatest number of responses came from Ontario, and the fewest were from Quebec. Only one response was received from Quebec and this is likely due to the lack of a French translation of the survey questionnaire.

Figure 11: Distribution of Fall Scan Responses by Province and Territories

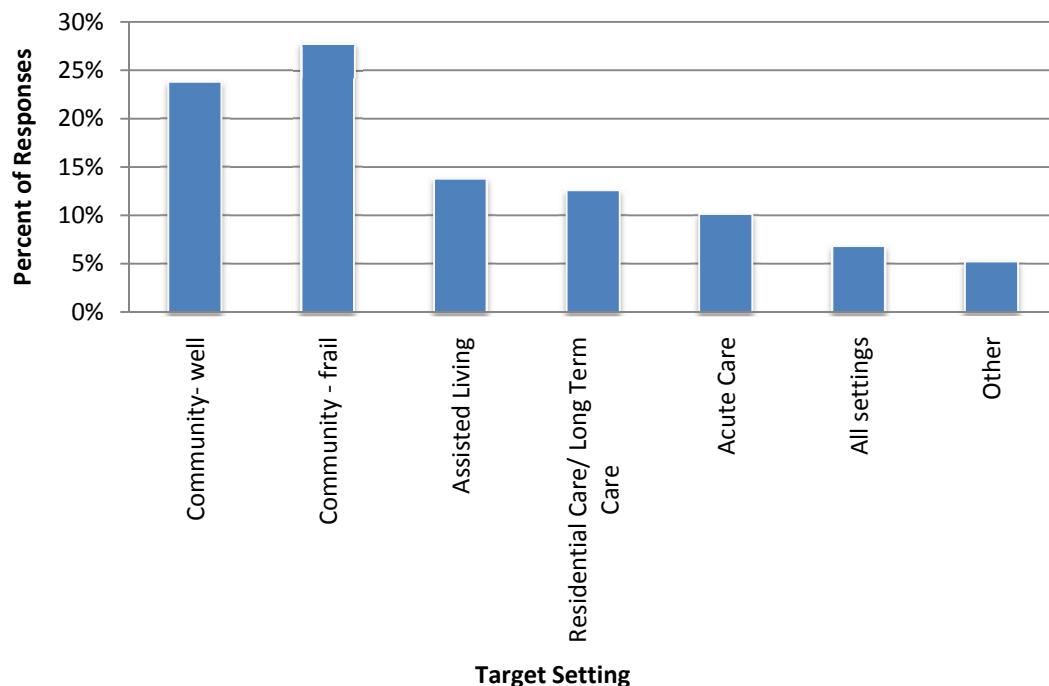


Of the responses received, 48% (N=122) identified themselves as a ‘Practitioner/ Health Care Provider’, 10% (N=25) as a ‘Community/Social Worker’, 4% (N=11) as a ‘Policy Analyst/Government Representative’, 3% (N=8) as a ‘Researcher’ and 35% (N=90) as ‘Other’. Examples of titles classified as “other” included Educators, Professors, and Managers.

Figure 12 illustrates how respondents identified the target setting of their program. Twenty-eight percent (N=159) of respondents identified that their initiative, program, or research study targeted ‘Community –frail’ and 24% (N=136) targeted ‘Community-well’ settings. In addition, 13% (N=72) identified ‘Residential Care or Long-term Care’ as the target setting, 10% (N=58) identified ‘Acute Care’,

7% (N=39) identified as 'All Settings'. Seven percent (N=30) identified the target setting of their initiative, program, or research study as 'Other'. Examples of 'Other' include rehabilitation, mental health and addictions services, emergency room setting and affordable housing programs for seniors

Figure 12: Target setting of Initiatives, Programs, or Research Studies Reported



Sixty-four percent (N=130) of respondents identified their initiative, program, or research study as a 'New, Evidence-based Part of Regular Practice', 34% (N=68) as a 'Stand-alone Project' and 2% (N=4) as 'Other'. Examples of 'Other' include programs where fall prevention was one component of the larger organization, a part of a research project, or a stand-alone phase of a project that is transitioning to regular practice based on evidence of effectiveness.

Sixty-four percent (N=176) of respondents identified that their initiative, program, or research study was delivered 'Locally', 12% (N=34) as delivered 'Nationally', 12% (N=33) as delivered 'Provincially or Territorially', and 12% (N=32) as 'Other'. Examples of Other include programs delivered regionally (at the health-authority wide level) and programs delivered only at one site.

Eighty-six percent (N=236) of respondents identified their initiative, program, or research study as serving 'More than 50 seniors', while 13% (N=35) served '11-50 seniors', and 1% (N=2) served '1-10 seniors'.

Figure 13 shows that of the respondents identified as involved in policy (N=118), 33% (N=39) described their initiative as involving 'Standardization' (such as data collection, reporting, risk factor screening, etc.), 21% (N=25) as involving 'Strategic Planning', 19% (N=23) as involving 'Guideline Implementation', 1% (N=1) as involving 'New Legislation', 0% (N=0) as involving 'Regional, Provincial, Federal Policy' and

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25% (N=30) as 'Other'. Examples of 'Other' include organizational standardization, delivery of workshops/ facilitator of the information, individual assigned to monitor accreditation readiness and funding applicant.

Figure 13: Nature of Policy Initiatives Reported

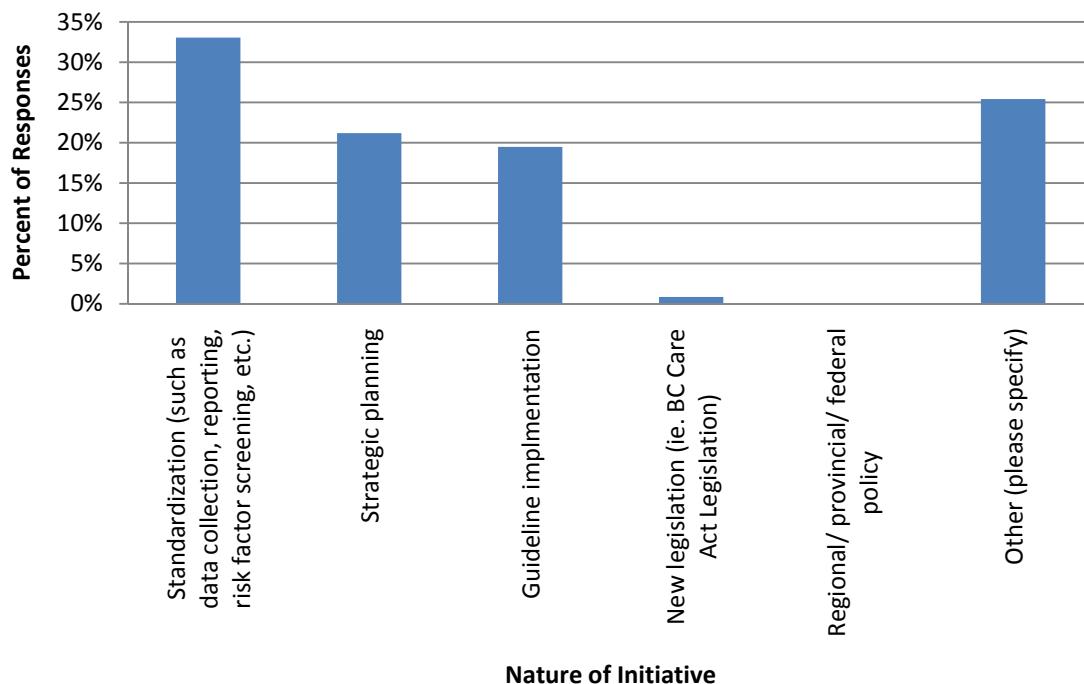
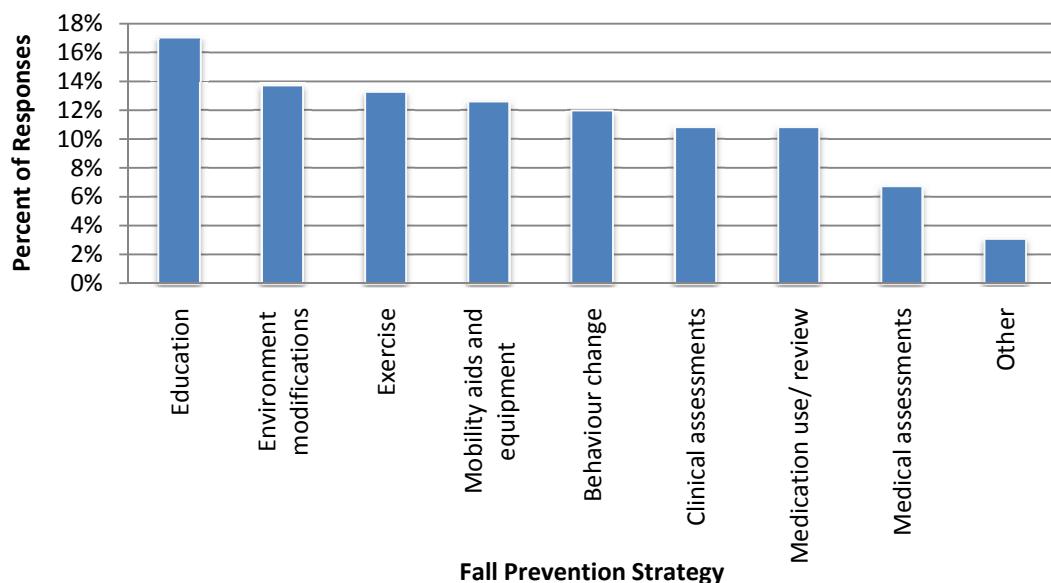


Figure 14 illustrates the type of fall or fall-related injury prevention strategies used in initiatives/ programs/ research studies. Seventeen percent (N=264) of respondents identified using 'Education', 14% (N=212) identified using 'Environmental Modifications', 13% (N=205) identified using 'Exercise', 13% (N=195) identified using 'Mobility Aids and Equipment', 12% (N=185) identified using 'Behaviour Change', 11% (N=167) identified using 'Clinical Assessments and/or Medication use or Review', 7% (N=104) identified using 'Medical Assessments'. Three percent (N=48) identified using 'Other' fall or fall-related strategies. Examples of the 'Other' strategies included fear of falling counseling, peer-to-peer support, mentoring and education, knowledge transfer and exchange, and research.

Figure 14: Fall or Fall-Related Injury Prevention Strategies Reported



Thirty-nine percent (N=97) of respondents reported having 'Site-specific' (in-house or in-kind) funding for their fall prevention initiatives/ programs/ research studies while 26% (N=64) had 'Provincial or Territorial' funding, 13% (N=33) had 'Regional or Municipal' funding, 5% (N=12) had 'Federal Government' funding and 0.4% (N=1) had 'National Research' funding. Seventeen percent (N=41) identified having 'Other' funding sources for their fall-prevention initiatives/ programs/ research studies. Examples of 'Other' funding sources included private grants, funding from provincial research organizations, and hospital district budgets.

#### 4. Discussion

The findings of the data on hospitalizations show that fall-related injuries are a serious problem among our older population. With the number of Canadians aged 65 years and older projected to increase from 4.6 million in 2008 to 9.8 million in 2036, this could mean that the number of fall-related hospitalizations could more than double from 53,545 to 114,074 within this time. With an average length of stay of 15.1 days, this could translate to a need for the equivalent of thirteen additional 200-bed hospitals, where all of the beds would be filled with older adults with fall-related injuries every day of the year. However, the impact will not only be on acute care beds. Findings show that 35% of seniors hospitalized for a fall-related injury are discharged to continuing care settings, including 17% who were community-dwelling prior to their admission.

The findings also point to a wide range of differences in fall-related hospitalization rates across the provinces and territories compared to the Canadian rate. These findings need more investigation to

determine why these differences exist, with the potential to learn from the successes of provinces with the lower rates.

Disproportionate rates of fall-related hospitalizations are also found for women compared to men, particularly among the older age group of 85+. The rate among women aged 85 years and older is one third greater than for men of that age. This may be explained by the higher incidence of osteoporosis among women compared to men, but may also be due to muscle weakness and social indicators, such as living alone.

The burden on the health care system due to fall injuries is accentuated with the contribution of alternative level of care days for fall-related hospitalizations among older adults. In addition to the 15.1 days for the average length of stay, the alternative level of care days (after the acute care phase has ended) contributes an additional average of 6.5 days per person. None of the economic burden calculations take into account the cost of home care, rehabilitation, medications or family contributions after discharge.

The good news is that this scan of fall and fall-related injury prevention programs in Canada revealed a significant increase in the number of initiatives compared to earlier scans. Since the first scan in 2001 (Scott et al., 2001), there has been a 70% increase in the number of fall-related initiatives. Since the most recent scan in 2005 (Public Health Agency of Canada, 2005), the number of fall prevention initiatives has increased from 195 initiatives to the current 282. It is also encouraging to see that these increases are seen in most provinces. In addition, there is now more variety, with fall prevention programs now found in emergency departments, more found in acute care settings, and fall prevention programs now reported in mental health/ addictions services.

The findings also show a greater focus on peer-to-peer mentoring, such as educating seniors to educate their friends, advertising and marketing designed to reach older adults, and peer-led workshops and discussion groups. An encouraging finding is that 98 of the 282 programs (34.5%) commenced in the past 16 months (January 2009 – April 2010), despite ongoing economic challenges that impact most regions. The majority of programs are now reporting a multifactorial approach to fall prevention that reflect the elements taught in the Canadian Falls Prevention Curriculum known as the BEE EACH model, which stands for: Behaviour Change; Education; Equipment; Environment; Activity; Clothing and Footwear; and Health Management (Scott et al., 2007). Eighty-four percent of the programs reach over 50 participants and 22% are offered at a national or provincial/territorial level. Another important aspect of the current fall prevention initiatives is that almost half are reported as being part of regular practice.

In conclusion, the impact of fall related injuries among the older Canadian population is staggering. Not only in terms of the number of cases and the impact on the health system, but most importantly, the vast scope of preventable suffering, disability and even death. The growing number of initiatives is encouraging and the ultimate goal of integration into health care practice of evidence-based initiatives appears to be emerging. However, efforts will need to be doubled to keep pace with our rapidly aging population. This includes new research to validate existing strategies and test new ones. Increased

efforts are also needed to translate evidence into practical solutions to guide health care practice and policy. Vulnerable populations, such as aboriginal elders, those with dementia, those living in isolated regions or those living in poverty require more efforts to tailor evidence to meet their specific needs. Without these efforts, the impact of falls and fall-related injuries could overwhelm our health care system and significantly reduce the quality of life for our elderly citizens.

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**Appendix 1****Definition of Terms**

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## **Appendix 1:**

### **Definition of Terms**

**Acute Care:** Acute care includes the portion of a hospitalization's total length of stay in which active treatment is received.

**Age:** Age was calculated as patients' age, in years, at the time of admission.

**Age-standardization:** Age standardized rates were calculated using the direct standardization method. Statistics Canada's 1991 population was used as the standard population.

**Alternative Level of Care:** Alternative level of care (ALC) includes the portion of a hospitalization's total length of stay which is non-acute. These non-acute hospital days capture hospital beds that are being occupied by patients who no longer need acute services, using limited, expensive resources while they wait to be discharged to a more appropriate setting.

**Discharge Disposition:** Discharge Disposition was determined by the final abstract in the episode of care. Discharge Disposition is a component of DAD that denotes the place where the patient went after leaving the hospital. Discharge Disposition categories are as follows:

- Transferred to acute
- Transferred to long term care facility
- Transferred to other - palliative care
- Discharged to a home setting with support
- Discharged home
- Signed out
- Died

**Crude rate:** A crude rate is the unadjusted number of hospitalizations divided by the total population occurring in a specified population per year.

**Fall Related Hospitalization:** Hospitalizations from acute care hospitals in Canada involving an unintentional fall as defined by select ICD-10-CA Codes. The variable was derived by looking across all Diagnosis codes in the discharge records associated with a given episode of care. External Cause of Injury Codes used to identify Unintentional falls are as follows: ICD-10-CA codes W00-W19.

**Hip Fracture:** Hospitalizations from acute care hospitals in Canada involving a hip fracture as defined by select ICD-10-CA codes. The variable was derived by looking across all Diagnosis codes in the discharge records associated with a given episode of care. ICD-10-CA codes used to indicate a hip fracture are: S72.0, S72.1, S72.2.

**In-hospital Deaths:** An admitted patient who dies during his/her hospital stay after admission but before discharge. Deaths that occur at the scene, during transport to hospital or in the Emergency Department before admission to hospital are not captured.

**Injury Hospitalizations:** Hospitalizations from acute care hospitals in Canada involving an injury as defined by select ICD-10-CA Codes. The variable was derived by looking across all Diagnosis codes in the discharge records associated with a given episode of care. External Cause of Injury Codes used to identify Injury Hospitalizations are as follows:

- V01-V99 Transport incidents
- W00-W19 Unintentional falls
- W20-W45, W49 Exposure to inanimate mechanical forces
- W50-W60, W64 Exposure to animate mechanical forces
- W65-W70, W73, W74 Unintentional drowning and submersion
- W75, W76, W77, W81, W83, W84 Other unintentional threats to breathing except due to inhalation of gastric contents, food, or other objects
- W85-W94, W99 Exposure to electric current, radiation and extreme ambient air temperature and pressure
- X00-X06, X08, X09 Exposure to smoke, fire and flames
- X10-X19 Contact with heat and hot substances
- X30-X39 Exposure to forces of nature
- X50 Overexertion and strenuous or repetitive movements
- X52 Prolonged stay in weightless environment
- X58-X59 Unintentional exposure to other and unspecified factors
- X70-X84 Intentional self-harm, excluding poisoning
  - X86, X91-X99, Y00-Y05, Y07-Y09 Assault, excluding poisoning
  - Y20-Y34 Event of undetermined intent, excluding poisonings
  - Y35-Y36 Legal intervention and operations of war

**Injury Place:** Injury Place was determined by the first abstract in the episode of care. Injury Place is a component of ICD coding system that denotes the place where the injury occurred. Injury Place categories are as follows:

- U98.0 – Home
- U98.1 – Residential institution

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- U98.2 – School other institution and public area
- U98.3 – Sports and athletics area
- U98.4 – Street and highway
- U98.5 – Trade and services
- U98.6 – Industrial and construction area
- U98.7 – Farm
- U98.8 – Other specified place of occurrence
- U98.9 - Unspecified place of occurrence

**Population:** The reference population used to calculate rates was forecast, assuming a linear increase, using Statistics Canada's census populations from 2001 and 2006.

**Province:** Province was determined by patients' health card issuing province.

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**Appendix 2**

Questionnaire - Canadian Fall and Fall-Related Injury Prevention Programs and Initiatives

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## Appendix 2:

### Questionnaire for the Scan of Canadian Fall and Fall-Related Injury Prevention Programs

1) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2) Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

3) E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

4) Phone Number (10 digits): -----

5) Mailing Address:

6) Website/ URL: http://

7) Select the title that best reflects your roll in fall prevention:

- Practitioner/ health care provider
- Researcher
- Policy Analyst or policy/ Government representative
- Community Worker/ Social Worker
- Other (please specify)

If you selected other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

8) Please tell us the title or name of your initiative/ program/ research study related to fall prevention: \_\_\_\_\_

9) What is the target setting of your initiative/ program/ research study? Choose all that apply:

- Community - well
- Community - frail
- Assisted Living
- Residential Care/ Long Term Care

- Acute Care
- All settings
- Other (please specify)

If you selected other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**10) What was or is the start date of your initiative/ program/ study? YYYY-MM-DD**

**11) What was or is the projected end date of your fall prevention initiative/ program/ research study? If it is ongoing with no scheduled end date, please type "ongoing". YYYY-MM-DD**

**12) Is your initiative/ program/ research study:**

- A stand-alone project
- A new, evidence-based part of regular practice
- Other (please specify)

If you selected other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**13) Briefly list the goals and objectives of your fall prevention initiative/ program/ research study:**

**14) Is your initiative/ program/ research study offered:**

- Nationally (Canada-wide)
- Provincially/ Territorially
- Locally
- Other (please specify)

If you selected other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**15) If you are a manager, administrator, or another way involved at the policy level, please describe the nature of your initiative:**

- New legislation (i.e. BC Care Act Legislation)
- Guideline implementation
- Standardization (such as data collection, reporting, risk factor screening, etc.)

- Strategic planning
- Regional/ provincial/ federal policy
- Other (please specify)

If you selected other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**16) Approximate number of people served per year:**

- 1 - 10
- 11 - 50
- Greater than 50

**17) What fall or fall-related injury prevention strategies do you use in your initiative/ program/ research study?**

- Education
- Exercise
- Behaviour change
- Environment modifications
- Clinical assessments
- Medical assessments
- Medication use/ review
- Mobility aids and equipment
- Other (please specify)

If you selected other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**18) How is your initiative/ program/ research study funded?**

- Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)
- Regional/ municipal funding
- Provincial/ Territorial \*
- CIHR
- NSERC
- SSHERC
- CHSRF
- Federal Government \*
- Other (please specify)

If you selected other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**19) In Question 18 (above), if you selected an answer marked with an asterisk (\*), please tell us the name of the funding program:**

**20) Additional comments and future fall prevention plans:**

**21) Please check this box if you DO NOT want to be contacted for further information by the survey results analysts.**

Please DO NOT contact me

Thank you for your contribution to our fall prevention scan. If you would like more information about the final scan results, in April please contact Sarah Elliott at [sarah.elliott@gov.bc.ca](mailto:sarah.elliott@gov.bc.ca)

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**Appendix 3**

Epidemiological Data

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**Appendix 3:**  
**Epidemiological Data**

**Age-standardized Rate of Fall-Related Hospitalizations, Age 65+, 2008/09**

Province/Territory	Age-Standardized FRH Rate per 1,000	Lower Confidence Interval	Upper Confidence Interval
NL	12.03	11.27	12.80
ON	12.30	12.15	12.46
NS	13.03	12.48	13.58
BC	14.19	13.92	14.46
NB	14.73	14.07	15.39
PE	15.03	13.50	16.56
MB	15.14	14.61	15.68
SK	15.27	14.71	15.82
AB	15.41	15.04	15.79
Territories	18.27	14.56	21.98
Canada	15.49	15.36	15.62

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### **Crude Rate of Fall-related Hospitalizations by Age and Gender, Canada, 2008/09**

<b>Falls</b>		65-74	75-84	85+
Female		6786	14075	16134
Male		4541	6746	5263
		11327	20821	21397
<b>Population (FY 2008, estimated)</b>				
		65-74	75-84	85+
Female		944691	670914	309891
Male		866957	514542	150175
<b>Crude FRH Rate per 1,000</b>				
		65-74	75-84	85+
Female		7.18	20.98	52.06
Male		5.24	13.11	35.05

### **Percent of All Injury Hospitalizations for Seniors Related to a Fall**

	<b>FRH</b>	<b>Injuries</b>	<b>Hospitalizations</b>
AB	6597	8014	83976
BC	10670	12380	130383
MB	3105	3563	39402
NB	1930	2218	31852
NL	946	1108	17928
NS	2150	2455	29732
ON	24795	29226	355172
PE	370	435	5595
SK	2889	3419	42650
Territories	93	127	1792
Canada	53545	62945	738482

## Fall-related Hospitalizations & Prevention Initiatives

### Place of Fall Occurrence

	Injury Place	FRH
Canada	Home	27306
Canada	Residential Institution	9462
Canada	School, other institution, public area	3529
Canada	Sports and athletic area	232
Canada	Street and highway	1645
Canada	Trade and service area	1214
Canada	Industrial and construction	31
Canada	Farm	81
Canada	Other specified place	1108
Canada	Unspecified place	8930

### Fall-Related Hospital Discharge Disposition

	Discharge Disposition	FRH
Canada	Acute Care	2273
Canada	Continuing Care	18800
Canada	Other	650
Canada	Home with Support	11065
Canada	Home without Support	15688
Canada	Sign-out	169
Canada	Died	4868
Canada	Patients who do not return from a pass	32

**Fall-Related Injury by Injury Type, 2008/09**

	Hip Fracture	Other Fracture	Other Injury	Total
AB	2208	2813	1576	6597
BC	3830	4479	2361	10670
MB	1237	1135	733	3105
NB	694	810	426	1930
NL	460	286	200	946
NS	879	815	456	2150
ON	9637	9541	5617	24795
PE	151	130	89	370
SK	1027	1065	797	2889
Territories	31	36	26	93
Canada	20154	21110	12281	53545

**Hip Fractures Related to a Fall**

Province/Territory	All Hip Fractures	FRH Hip Fractures
AB	2338	2208
BC	4016	3830
MB	1300	1237
NB	714	694
NL	469	460
NS	902	879
ON	10172	9637
PE	158	151
SK	1068	1027
Territories	33	31
Canada	21170	20154

### Mean Acute Length of Stay for Fall-Related Hospitalizations and All Other

Total Acute LOS			FRH Acute LOS				
All Hosp	Mean Acute Days	Total Acute Days	FRH	Mean Acute Days	Total Acute Days		
ON	355172	7.97	2830927	ON	24795	11.45	283993
NL	17928	9.73	174422	NL	946	15.03	14222
NB	31852	9.75	310598	NB	1930	15.26	29453
SK	42650	8.97	382607	SK	2889	15.66	45236
BC	130383	9.73	1268353	BC	10670	16.14	172258
Territories	1792	8.65	15497	Territories	93	17.43	1621
NS	29732	11.33	336893	NS	2150	19.73	42424
MB	39402	12.50	492445	MB	3105	21.37	66361
AB	83976	12.08	1014084	AB	6597	21.85	144169
PE	5595	12.64	70708	PE	370	24.15	8934
Canada	738482	9.34	6896534	Canada	53545	15.10	808671

Total Acute LOS		FRH Acute LOS		Non-FRH Acute LOS			
All Hosp	Mean Acute Days	FRH	Mean Acute Days	Non-FRH	Mean Acute Days		
ON	355172	7.97	2830927	ON	330377	7.71	254693
NL	17928	9.73	174422	NL	16982	9.43	16020
NB	31852	9.75	310598	NB	29922	9.40	28114
SK	42650	8.97	382607	SK	39761	8.48	33737
BC	130383	9.73	1268353	BC	119713	9.16	109609
Territories	1792	8.65	15497	Territories	1699	8.17	1387
NS	29732	11.33	336893	NS	27582	10.68	29446
MB	39402	12.50	492445	MB	36297	11.74	42608
AB	83976	12.08	1014084	AB	77379	11.24	86991
PE	5595	12.64	70708	PE	5225	11.82	6177
Canada	738482	9.34	6896534	Canada	684937	8.89	608786

### **Mean Alternative Level of Care Length of Stay for Fall-Related Hospitalizations and All-Other Hospitalizations**

Total ALC LOS				
	All Hosp	Mean ALC Days	Total ALC Days	
Territories	1792	1.04	1871	
SK	42650	1.14	48594	
PE	5595	1.66	9282	
AB	83976	2.10	176616	
BC	130383	1.96	256059	
ON	355172	2.43	863070	
NB	31852	3.54	112882	
NL	17928	2.70	48406	
NS	29732	4.19	124484	
Canada	699080	2.35	1641264	

FRH ALC LOS			Mean ALC Days	Total ALC Days	
	FRH	Territories	93	1.10	102
SK	2889		3.14	9075	
PE	370		3.95	1461	
AB	6597		5.47	36096	
BC	10670		5.65	60300	
ON	24795		6.65	164867	
NB	1930		9.69	18705	
NL	946		10.85	10266	
NS	2150		12.35	26552	
Canada	50440		6.49	327424	

Non-FRH ALC LOS	All other hosp	Mean ALC Days	Total ALC Days
Territories	1699	1.04	1769
SK	39761	0.99	39519
PE	5225	1.50	7821
AB	77379	1.82	140520
BC	119713	1.64	195759
ON	330377	2.11	698203
NB	29922	3.15	94177
NL	16982	2.25	38140
NS	27582	3.55	97932
Canada	648640	2.03	1313840

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**Appendix 4**

Fall Scan Data

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## Appendix 4: Fall Scan Data

<b>Province/Territory</b>	
AB	<b>54</b>
BC	<b>32</b>
MB	<b>28</b>
NB	<b>12</b>
NL	<b>10</b>
NS	<b>42</b>
ON	<b>74</b>
PEI	<b>2</b>
QC	<b>1</b>
SK	<b>24</b>
YT	<b>3</b>
Total	<b>282</b>

<b>Select the title that best reflects your roll in fall prevention:</b>				
<b>Practitioner/ health care provider</b>	<b>Researcher</b>	<b>Policy Analyst or policy/ Government representative</b>	<b>Community Worker/ Social Worker</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>122</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>90</b>

<b>What is the target setting of your initiative/ program/ research study? Choose all that apply:</b>						
<b>Community- well</b>	<b>Community - frail</b>	<b>Assisted Living</b>	<b>Residential Care/ Long Term Care</b>	<b>Acute Care</b>	<b>All settings</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>136</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>30</b>

Is your initiative/ program/ research study:		
Part of regular practice	A stand- alone project	Other
130	68	4

Is your initiative/ program/ research study offered:			
Nationally (Canada- wide)	Provincially/ Territorially	Locally	Other
33	34	176	32

If you are a manager, administrator, or another way involved at the policy level, please describe the nature of your initiative:					
New legislation (i.e., BC Care Act Legislation)	Guideline implementation	Standardization (such as data collection, reporting, risk factor screening, etc.)	Strategic planning	Regional/ provincial/ federal policy	Other (please specify)
1	23	39	25	0	30

Approximate number of people served per year:		
1-10	11-50	Greater than 50
2	35	236

<b>What fall or fall-related injury prevention strategies do you use in your initiative/ program/ research study?</b>									
<b>Education</b>	<b>Exercise</b>	<b>Behaviour change</b>	<b>Environment modifications</b>	<b>Clinical assessments</b>	<b>Medical assessments</b>	<b>Medication use/ review</b>	<b>Mobility aids and equipment</b>	<b>Other</b>	
<b>264</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>48</b>	

<b>How is your initiative/ program/ research study funded?</b>									
<b>Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)</b>	<b>Regional/ municipal funding</b>	<b>Provincial/ Territorial</b>	<b>CIHR</b>	<b>NSERC</b>	<b>SSHRC</b>	<b>CHSRF</b>	<b>Federal Government</b>	<b>Other</b>	
<b>97</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>41</b>	

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## **Appendix 5**

### **Scan of Canadian Fall and Fall-Related Injury Prevention Programs and Initiatives**

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#### **Target Setting**

CW = community-well

CF = community-frail

AL = assisted living

LTC = long term care

AC = acute care

ALL = all settings

#### **Strategies**

ED = education

EX = exercise

BE = behaviour change

EN = environment

CL = clinical assessment

MA = medical assessment

MR = medication review

EQ = equipment and mobility aids

ALL = all strategies

vince	Project Title	Target Setting	Type	Strategies	Funding	Number in Detailed Inventory
	Active Independence (HSEP) Exercise Program	CF	Other: Canadian Centre for Activity and Aging	ED, EX, BE, EN, MR, EQ	Other	1
	AHS- Calgary Fall Prevention Program	ALL	Other: Facilitate program with stakeholders	ED, BE, EN, CL, MR, Other: Collaboration	Provincial/ Territorial	1
	Balance Class	CW, CF, AL, LTC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EX, BE, EN, CL, MR, EQ	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	2
	Balance for Life	AL	A stand-alone project	ED, EX, BE, EN	Other	3
	Better Balance Program	CW, CF, AL	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EX, BE, CL, EQ	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	4
	Calgary Fall Prevention Clinic	CF	Other: Started with RCT, ongoing falls clinic	ALL, Other: Fear of Falling counselling	Provincial/ Territorial	5
	Carewest Day Hospital	CF	Other: Falls prevention is one component	ALL	Provincial/ Territorial	6
	Edmonton Zone Seniors Integrated Home Living -Falls Risk Management Strategies	CF	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	Other: Education about BBSE/ BEEACH	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	7
	Fall Free	AL	A stand-alone project	ED, EX, BE, EN, CL, MR, EQ, Other: Footwear	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	8
	Fall Prevention and Injury prevention	LTC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ALL	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	9
						10

t Setting: CW = community-well; CF = community-frail; AL = assisted living; LTC = long term care; AC = acute care; ALL = all settings.

egies: ED = education; EX = exercise; BE = behaviour change; EN = environment; CL = clinical assessment; MA = medical assessment; MR = medication review

Project Title	Target Setting	Type	Strategies	Funding	Number in Detailed Inventory
Fall Prevention Program	AC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EX, BE, CL, EQ	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	11
Fall prevention program	CF, AL	Other: Regional initiative	ALL, Other: Footwear	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	12
Fall Prevention Program	N/A	Other: A Safer Healthcare Now initiative	ED, EX, BE, EN, CL, MR, EQ	Regional/ municipal funding	13
Fall Prevention Program	AL	A stand-alone project	ED, BE, CL, MA, MR, EQ	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	14
Fall Prevention Program	CW, CF	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EX, EN, CL, EQ	Other	15
Fall Prevention Program AHS-Calgary zone	All	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ALL	Regional/ municipal funding	16
FallProof Program	CW, CF	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EX, CL, EQ	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	17
Falls management - Unit 35 and Unit 31 RDRHC	AC, Other: Rehabilitation	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, BE, EN, CL, MA, MR, EQ	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	18
Falls prevention	AC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EX, EN, CL, MA, MR, EQ	Other	19
Falls Prevention and Management	AC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, BE, EN, CL, MA, MR, EQ	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	20
Falls Prevention Coordinator for Canmore Hospital and Canmore and Banff Community Equipment and mobility aids	CW, CF, LTC, AC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ALL	Provincial/ Territorial	21

**Setting:** CW = community-well; CF = community-frail; AL = assisted living; LTC = long term care; AC = acute care; ALL = all settings.

**Strategies:** ED = education; EX = exercise; BE = behaviour change; EN = environment; CL = clinical assessment; MA = medical assessment; MR = medication review

:equipment and mobility aids; ALL = all strategies.

Project Title	Target Setting	Type	Strategies	Funding	Number in Detailed Inventory
Falls Prevention Education	ALL	Other: Continuous community education	ALL	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	22
Falls Prevention Initiative at the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital: A participatory approach	Other: Rehabilitation	A stand-alone project	ALL		23
Falls Prevention Pilot Project	CW	A stand-alone project	ED, EX, BE, EN, MR, EQ, Other: peer support	Federal Government	24
Falls Prevention Strategy	CW, CF	A stand-alone project	ALL	Provincial/Territorial	25
Falls Team - Tofield Long Term Care	LTC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ALL	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	26
Finding Balance Falls Prevention Network			ED, Other: Knowledge transfer and exchange	Provincial/Territorial	27
Finding Balance Seniors' Falls Prevention Provincial Public Awareness Campaign	ALL	A new evidence-based part of regular practice; A stand-alone project	ED, EX, BE, EN, MR	Provincial/Territorial	28
Home care Fall prevention Team	CW, CF, AL	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EX, EN, CL, MR, EQ	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	29
Home Care Fall Prevention Team	CF, AL		ED, EX, EN, CL, MR, EQ		30
Home Support Exercise Program	CW	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EX, BE, EN	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	31
Independent living guide	CW, CF	A stand-alone project	ED, EX, BE, EN, MR, EQ	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	32

vince	Project Title	Target Setting	Type	Strategies	Funding	Number in Detailed Inventory
	Injury Prevention	ALL	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ALL	Provincial/Territorial	33
	Inpatient falls	LTC, AC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EN, CL, MA, MR, EQ	Regional/municipal funding	34
	Integrated Facility Living Falls Management Standard	LTC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ALL	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	35
	Integrated Home Living Falls Risk Management Strategy	CF, AL, Other: Community - all ages	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EX, BE, EN, CL, MR, EQ	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	36
	Inter disciplinary falls prevention strategy for Town of High River	ALL	A stand-alone project	ALL	Other	37
	Legacy 4 Health (Indoor Walking) program	CW	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EX, BE, EN	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	38
	LifeMark Dizziness & Balance Programs	CW, CF	A stand-alone project	ED, EX, EN, CL, EQ	Other	39
	Living Well with a Chronic Condition	CW, CF, AL	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EX, BE, CL, EQ	Regional/municipal funding	40
	Mobility Rodeo	CF, AL	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ALL	Provincial/Territorial	41
	Move'n Mingle	CW, CF	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EX, BE	Regional/municipal funding	42
	Older Adult Health and Wellness Student Clinic	CW, CF	A stand-alone project	ED, EX, BC, EN, CL, MR, EQ	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	43
	Participate in falls prevention committee	AC		ED, MR	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	44

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Please Help Me I'm Falling	CW	A stand-alone project	ED, BE, EN	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	45
Rehabilitation Assessment for Independent Living	CW, CF, AL	A stand-alone project	ALL	Provincial/Territorial	46
Seniors Conversation Cafe	CW, CF	A stand-alone project	ED, EX, EN	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	47
Seniors South Home Care Falls Prevention Team	CW, CF, AL	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ALL	Regional/municipal funding	48
Seniors Wellness Coalition	CW, AL	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EX, BE, EN, MR, EQ	Provincial/Territorial	49
Steady as you go (Saygo)	CW	A stand-alone project	ED, EX, EN	Provincial/Territorial	50
Steady as you go (SAYGO)	CW, CF	A stand-alone project	ED, EX, BE, EN	Other	51
Steady As You Go Clinic	CF	A stand-alone project	ED, EX, BE, EN, CL, MR, EQ, Other: Footwear	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	52
The fall reduction committee	LTC	Other: 1:1 inter-d analysis of root causes	ED, EX, EN, CL, MA, MR, EQ		53
Wii Balance, Balance Workout, Agility Challenge, Locomotion and Balance	CW, CF	Other: Balance classes	ED, EX, BE	Provincial/Territorial	54

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	AD Anti-Stigma Project	CW, CF	A stand-alone project	ED, BE, EN, CL, MR, EQ, Other: Peer to peer mentoring	Federal Government	55
	Age Friendly Community Planning	CW, CF, AL	Other: Knowledge Translation	Other: Input on policy planning	Other	56
	BC Fall and Injury Prevention Coalition	ALL	A new evidence-based part of regular practice; A stand-alone project	ALL	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	57
	Canadian Falls Prevention Curriculum	ALL	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED	Federal Government ; Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	58
	Continuing Care Falls prevention	CW, CF, AL	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ALL	Provincial/ Territorial	59
	Elder Assessment and Short Term Treatment Program	CW, CF, AL	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EX, BC, EN, CL, EQ	Regional/ municipal funding	60
	Fall Prevention Awareness	CW, CF	Other: Ongoing	ED, BE	N/A	61
	Fall Prevention Initiative at Kelowna General Hospital	AC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ALL	Other	62
	Fall Prevention Program	LTC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EN, CL, MA, MR, EQ	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	63
	Fall Prevention Survey	AL	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EX, Other: PAL Guidelines	Other	64
	Falls Harm Reduction Project Complex Care Prince Rupert	LTC	A stand-alone project	ALL	Other	65

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Falls injury Prevention & Management Program	AC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EX, BE, EN, CL, MR, EQ	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	66
Falls Injury Prevention & Management Program	AC, Other: Rehabilitation services	Other: Part of Managing Unsettled Behaviour	ED, EX, BE, EN, CL, MR, EQ	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	67
Falls Prevention Program	CW	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EX, BE, EN, CL, EQ	Other	68
FH Falls Prevention Mobile Clinic	CF, AL	A stand-alone project	ALL	Regional/ municipal funding	69
Fraser Health Joint Venture on Falls and Injury Reduction in Long Term Care Facilities	LTC	A stand-alone project	ALL	Regional/ municipal funding	70
Illness and Accident Prevention Program	CW, CF, AL, LTC	A stand-alone project	ED, EX, BE, EN, MA, MR, EQ	Federal Government	71
PAI program	AL	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EX, BE, EN, EQ	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	72
Primary Health Care Strategy	CW, CF, AC	Other: Primary health care strategy	ED, EX, BE, EN, MA, MR, EQ	Provincial/ Territorial	73
Regional Standard: Scott Fall Risk Screen	LTC, Other: Mental health and addictions services	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, BE, CL	Regional/ municipal funding	74
Regional strategies for fall prevention	CF, AL, LTC, AC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	None	Provincial/ Territorial	75
SAIL Strategies and Actions for Independent Living	CF	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ALL	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	76
Scott Falls Risk Screen	LTC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ALL	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	77

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Seniors Fall and Injury Prevention initiative	ALL	Other: Regional initiative	ALL	Regional/ municipal funding	78
Seniors Fall Prevention Program	CW, CF	A stand-alone project	ED, EX, BE, EN, CL, MR, EQ	Regional/ municipal funding	79
Seniors' Fall Prevention Week	All	Other: Province-wide initiative	ED	Site-specific (in- house or in-kind funding)	80
STAT Centre	CW, CF, AL, AC	A stand-alone project	ALL	Provincial/ Territorial	81
Stay in the Game - Falls Prevention for Seniors	ALL	Other: One of 18 health promotion workshops	ALL	Other	82
Steady Feet	ALL	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EX, CL, MR, EQ	Site-specific (in- house or in-kind funding)	83
Strategies and Actions for Independent Living	CF, AL	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ALL, Other: Footwear	Site-specific (in- house or in-kind funding)	84
Transformative Change Accord: First Nations Health Plan & Tripartite First Nations Health Plan	ALL	Other	Other	Other	85
Universal Fall Precautions/3 Easy Questions	AC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, BE, EN	Regional/ municipal funding	86

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ABC+ Hourly Rounding Project	AC	A stand-alone project	CL, Other: Assessing hourly the patient's comfort and needs.	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	87
arthritis self management programs	CW, CF, AL	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EX, BE, EN, MR, EQ	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	88
CNS Geriatrics	AC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EX, EN, CL, MA, MR, EQ	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	89
Evaluating debilitating falls in the Manitoba ambulatory oncology patient	CW, CF, AL	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	Other: Creating assessment tool	Other	90
Fairview Falls	LTC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ALL	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	91
Fall Alert Pilot Project	CW, CF	A stand-alone project	ED		92
Fall prevention presentation	CW, CF	A stand-alone project	ED, EX, BE, EN, MR, EQ, Other: Nutrition	Other	93
Fall Prevention Program	AL, LTC, AC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EX, EN, CL, MR, EQ	Other	94
Fall Prevention Program	CW, CF	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EN, MA, MR, EQ	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	95
Fall Prevention Strategy for Long Term Care	LTC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ALL	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	96

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	Falls Management	LTC	A stand-alone project	ED, EX, EN, CL, MA, MR, EQ	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	97
	Falls Management for Long Term Care	LTC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ALL, Other: Vision screening	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	98
	Falls Prevention Awareness	CW, CF	Other: Part of the mission of ALCOA	ED, EX, BE, EN, MR, EQ	Provincial/ Territorial	99
	Falls Prevention program	ALL	A stand-alone project	ALL	Other	100
	Focus on Falls Prevention	ALL	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, CL, Other: Vision screening	Provincial/ Territorial	101
	Focus on falls prevention	CF, AL, LTC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, CL	CIHR	102
	Hendrich 2 Falls Prevention Model	AC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ALL	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	103
	Home Health & Safety Program	CW, CF, AL	A stand-alone project	ED, EN	Regional/ municipal funding	104
	Manitoba Falls Prevention Strategy	ALL	Other: Government strategy	ED	Provincial/ Territorial	105
	Mobile Falls Prevention Clinic	CF	Other: Pilot project	ED, EX, BE, EN, CL, MR, EQ, Other: Vision screening	Regional/ municipal funding	106
	Prevention of Falls in Home Care	CF	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EN, CL, MR, EQ	Regional/ municipal funding	107
	Regional Falls Prevention Leadership	ALL	Other: Facilitating coordination/ integration	ALL	Regional/ municipal funding	108

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Required Organizational Practices - Falls Prevention	ALL	Other: Government accredited	ALL	Provincial/ Territorial	109
Rideau Park Falls	LTC	Other: National Collaborative	ALL	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	110
SafetyAid - Home Safety and Falls Prevention	CW, CF	A stand-alone project	ED, EN, Other: Fall prevention audits	Provincial/ Territorial	111
Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together (SMART)	CW	A stand-alone project	ED, EX, EN	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	112
Staying on Your Feet	CW	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, BE	Regional/ municipal funding	113

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Better Balance		CF, AL	A stand-alone project	ED, EX, BE, EN, CL, MA, MR, EQ	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	114
Body N' Balance		CW, AL	A stand-alone project	ED, EX, BE, EN, CL, MR, EQ	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	115
draft name - On the Go Mobile fall risk assessment clinic		CW, CF	Other: Pilot project	ED, EX, EN, CL, EQ	Provincial/Territorial	116
Fall Prevention at Wellness Fairs	All		Other: Ongoing community education	ED, EX, BE, EN, MR, EQ	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	117
Falls Management Policy	AC		A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, BE, EN, CL, MR, EQ	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	118
Falls Prevention in Acute & Long Term Care and Community	ALL		A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ALL	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	119
Falls Prevention-On Your Feet			A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ALL	Federal Government	120
Implementation of Fall Prevention Strategy Saint John Zone, Horizon Health. NB	AC		Other: Part of an accreditation project	ED, EX, BE, EN, CL, MR, EQ	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	121
Indicators for Falls using Post Fall Data Collection	LTC		A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ALL	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	122
Looking at falls prevention strategies for in-patients and out-patient education	CF, AC		A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EN, CL, EQ		123
Nurse Manager	AC		A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, BE, EN, CL, MR, EQ	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	124
Senior Wellness Week	CW, CF, AL, LTC	A stand-alone project		ED, EX, BE, EN, MR, EQ	Regional/municipal funding	125

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Bruno & Alice Dinner Theatre: A love story about Seniors and Safety	CW	A stand-alone project	ED	Regional/ municipal funding	126
Community Support Fall Prevention Program	CW, CF, AL	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EN, CL, MR, EQ	Provincial/ Territorial	127
Community Support Falls Prevention Program	CW, CF	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EX, BE, EN, CL, MR, EQ	Site-specific (in- house or in-kind funding)	128
Community Supports Falls preventive program	CW, CF, AL	Other: An add-on to current assessments	ED, EN, CL, MA, MR, EQ	Site-specific (in- house or in-kind funding)	129
Fall prevention pilot project	LTC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EN, CL, MR, MA, EQ	Site-specific (in- house or in-kind funding)	130
Fall Prevention Program	CF	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EN, CL, MR	Site-specific (in- house or in-kind funding)	131
Fall Risk Manualcity Hospitals (Acute Care): Eastern Health	AC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, BE, EN, CL, MR, EQ	Site-specific (in- house or in-kind funding)	132
Falls Prevention Steering Committee	CF, LTC, AC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	EN, EQ	Site-specific (in- house or in-kind funding)	133
Ice Salt Initiative	CW	A stand-alone project	ED	Regional/ municipal funding	134
Walking and Exercise Program for Seniors	CW, CF	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EX, CL, EQ	Site-specific (in- house or in-kind funding)	135

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Acadia Active Aging	CW	A stand-alone project	ED, EX, BE		136
Assistant Director of Nursing	LTC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EN, CL, MR, EQ	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	137
AVH Falls Prevention and Management Program	AC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, BE, EN	Other	138
Canadian Falls Prevention Curriculum	ALL	Other: Education program	ALL, Other: Frailty	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	139
Capital District Health Authority Falls Prevention Initiative	AC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EN, CL, MR, EQ	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	140
collaborative practice -community OT/PT complete initial assessment together	CF	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EX, BE, EN, CL, MR, EQ	Provincial/ Territorial	141
Community Fall Prevention	CW, CF	Other: Education for residents of the community	ALL	Provincial/ Territorial	142
Easy Movers Program / Hips and Knees Program	CW	A stand-alone project	ED, EX, CL	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	143
Fall Prevention Initiative	LTC	A stand-alone project	ED, EX, EN, CL, MR, EQ		144
Fall Risk Prevention	LTC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, BE, EN, CL, MA, MR, EQ	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	145
Falls Prevention	LTC, AC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ALL	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	146
Falls Prevention Coalition of HRM, Halifax NS	CW, CF	A stand-alone project	ED, EX, EN, MR, EQ	Other	147
Falls Prevention committee	LTC, AC	Other: New in 2008 for the health authority	ALL	Other	148

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Falls Prevention Coordinator	AC	Other: Initiative of the falls steering committee	ALL	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	149
Falls Prevention Project	ALL	A stand-alone project	ED, BE, EN, MR, EQ	Provincial/Territorial	150
Falls Prevention Strategy	AC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EN, CL, MA, MR, EQ	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	151
Fit as a Fiddle	CW, CF	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EX, BE, EN, CL, MR, EQ	Provincial/Territorial	152
Gasha Fall Prevention Program	AC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EN, CL, MR, EQ	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	153
GDH Falls Clinic	CF	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ALL	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	154
Geriatric Day Hospital & Falls Clinic	CF	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ALL	Regional/municipal funding	155
Grandparents International Storytellers	CW	A stand-alone project	ED	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	156
Health equipment loan program	ALL	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EQ	Federal Government	157
Healthy Living for Seniors Program	CW, CF, AL	A stand-alone project	ED, EX, BE, EN, MR	Other	158
Housing Programs - home repair/adaptation programs; new public housing projects for seniors and individuals with disabilities; renewal of existing senior public housing.	Other: Affordable housing programs for seniors	Other	Seniors housing	Other	159

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	HSEP coordinator	CF	A stand-alone project	ED, EX, BE, CL, EQ	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	160
	IWK Fall Prevention Committee	AC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EN, CL, MA, MR, EQ	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	161
	IWK Fall Prevention Working Group	AC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, BE, EN, CL, MA, MR, EQ	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	162
	Manager psycho geriatrics	LTC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ALL	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	163
	Preventing Falls Together	CW, CF	Other: Community based regional coalitions	ED, EX, BE, EN	Provincial/ Territorial	164
	Preventing Falls Together	CW, CF	A stand-alone project	ED, EX, BE, EN	Provincial/ Territorial	165
	Preventing Falls Together Coalition	CW, CF	Other: One of a number of Provincial coalitions	ED, EX, BE, EN	Provincial/ Territorial	166
	Preventing Falls Together Coalition	ALL	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ALL	Provincial/ Territorial	167
	RAT TEAM	Other: Persons age 65 and older in the emergency room	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EX, EN, CL, MR, EQ	Provincial/ Territorial	168
	Reducing falls inside nursing home	LTC	Other: Only pertains to ARNH	ED, EX, EN, MR, EQ	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	169
	Seniors' Clinic	CW, CF, AL	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ALL	Provincial/ Territorial	170
	Seniors Rapid Assessment Service	CF, AC, Other: Emergency Room	A stand-alone project	ED, EX, VE, EN, CL, EQ	Provincial/ Territorial	171

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Seniors Rapid Assessment Service	CW, CF	A stand-alone project	ED, EX, BE, EN, EQ	Provincial/Territorial	172
South West Health Falls Prevention Program	ALL	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ALL, Other: Fall prevention for staff	Provincial/Territorial	173
Strategic Planning	Other: Identifying how youth can be involved in fall prevention	ED	N/A		174
SWH Falls Prevention program	CW, CF, AL, AC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ALL	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	175
Veteran's Falls management Programme	LTC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ALL	Federal Government	176
Veterans' Falls Management Program	LTC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EX, BE, EN, CL, MR, EQ	Other	177
West Hants/Cobequid Preventing Falls Together Coalition	ALL	Other: Community based seniors safety program	ED, EN	Other	178

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A Step Ahead to Falls Prevention - Training Program for Health and Allied Health Care Providers	CW, CF, AL	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ALL	Regional/ municipal funding	179
Accessibility Resource Centre	CF, AL	Other: Aging at Home project	Other: Policy	Provincial/ Territorial	180
Age-Friendly Communities	CW	Other: Community partnership	ED, EN	Federal Government	181
Back Education and Falls Prevention	Other: Agencies that employ PSW's.	A stand-alone project	ED, EX, BE, EN, EQ	Site-specific (in- house or in-kind funding)	182
Bathtub/shower grab bar building code proposal	Other: Building code review	Other: Building code proposal	Other: Bathtub/ shower building code	Other: Bathtub/ shower building code	183
CHNET-Works! Fireside Chats	Other: Support fall prevention stakeholders	Other: Network communications infrastructure	Other: Discussions on mobilization	Provincial/ Territorial	184
Coordinator VON SMART Program	CW, CF	A stand-alone project	ED, EX	Provincial/ Territorial	185
Don't Fall For It!	CW, CF, AL, AC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EX, BE, EN	Provincial/ Territorial	186
Fall Prevention			ED, EX, BE, EN, CL, MR, EQ	Site-specific (in- house or in-kind funding)	187

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	Fall Prevention Program	AC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EN, BE, EN, CL, MA, MR, EQ	Other	188
	Fall Prevention Program	CW, CF, AL, Other: Senior's Day Programs	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EX, BE, EN, MA, MR, EQ	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	189
	Falls Intervention Team (FIT)	CF, AL	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EX, BE, EN, CL, MR, EQ	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	190
	Falls Prevention through exercise	CW, CF	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EX	Provincial/Territorial	191
	Falls Prevention	Other: Mental Health	A stand-alone project	ED, EX, EN, CL, MA, MR, EQ	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	192
	Falls Prevention for seniors	CW	Other: Part of a falls prevention program	ED, EX, EN, MR	Regional/municipal funding	193
	Falls prevention program	LTC		ALL	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	194
	Falls Prevention Program	LTC	Other: In conjunction with least restraint	ALL	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	195
	Falls Prevention Referral Program	CW, CF	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ALL	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	196
	Falls Risk Screen	CF, AL, LTC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ALL	Other	197
	Grey Bruce Falls Prevention & Intervention Program	ALL	A stand-alone project	ALL	Other	198

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	Healthy Aging Program	CF	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EX, BE, EN, CL, MR, EQ	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	199
	High End Balance Program	LTC	A stand-alone project	ED, EX, CL, EQ	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	200
	Home At Last	CW, CF	A stand-alone project	ED, EN, MR, EQ	Provincial/ Territorial	201
	Home Support Exercise Program	CF	A stand-alone project	ED, EX, EN	Provincial/ Territorial	202
	Home Support Exercise Program	CF	Other: HNHB Aging at Home initiatives	ED, EX, BE, CL	Provincial/ Territorial	203
	Home Support Exercise Program	CF, AL, LTC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EX, BE, EN	Provincial/ Territorial	204
	Home support Exercise Program	CW, CF, AL	A stand-alone project	ED, EX, BE, CL, EQ	Provincial/ Territorial	205
	Home Visit to Older Adults at High Risk of Falling	CW, CF, AL	Other: One of a range of strategies in the community	ED, EX, BE, EN, CL, MR, EQ		
	HSEP	CF, AL, LTC	Other: Part of CCAC initiative to reduce falls	ED, EX, BE	Other	206
	Injury Prevention Forum	All	Other: An annual forum	ED, EX, BE, EN, MR, EQ	Provincial/ Territorial	207
	Integrated Regional Falls Program	ALL	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ALL	Federal Government	208
	La prevention des chutes chez les personnes aes francophones vivant en situation minoritaire au Canada	Other: Francophone seniors from the linguistic minority	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ALL, Other: Research	Other	210

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	Mississauga Halton Falls Prevention Initiative	ALL	Other: MultiSectoral projects	ED, EX, BE, CL, MA, Other: Knowledge translation	Provincial/ Territorial	
	No Falls Fashion Show	CW, CF, AL	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, BE, EQ	Federal Government	211
	Ongoing risk assessment in client's home	CF	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	Other: Ongoing risk assessment		212
	Physically Supportive Program	ALL	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EX, BE	Other	213
	Reducing the Risk For Falls: Review&comma; Revise & Strategize	AC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EX, EN, CL, MA, MR, EQ	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	214
	Sault Rising Stars Seniors Acting Troupe	Other: General community at large	Other: Complements other activities	ED, EX, BE, EN, MR	Other	215
	Senior Safekeeping	CW, CF	A stand-alone project	ED, EX, BE, EN, CL	Provincial/ Territorial	216
	Seniors Choices	ALL	A stand-alone project	ED	Other	217
	Seniors Program	All	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EX, BE, EN, MR, EQ	Regional/ municipal funding	218
	Senior's symposium	CW, CF	A stand-alone project	ED, EX, EQ	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	219
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Simply Safer is Simply Smarter	CW, CF	A stand-alone project	ED, BE, EN, EQ	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	221
SMART	CF	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	EX, BE, EN, EQ	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	222
SMART & collaborative with multi agency group	CF	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EX, BE, EN, CL	Provincial/ Territorial	223
SMART (Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together)	CF	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EX, BE, EN	Regional/ municipal funding	224
SMART (Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together)	CW, CF	Other: Program offered across VON Canada sites	EX	Provincial/ Territorial	225
SMART (Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together) Exercise Program	CW, CF, AL	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EX, BE, EN, CL, MR, EQ	Provincial/ Territorial	226
SMART Exercise	CW, CF	Other	ED, EX	Regional/ municipal funding	227
Smart Moves	ALL	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ALL	Provincial/ Territorial	228
Smart Moves for Fall Prevention- education sessions for PSWs	AL, LTC	A stand-alone project	ED, EN, EQ		229
SMART program	ALL	Other	ED, EX	Provincial/ Territorial	230
SMART Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together	CF	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EX, EN	Provincial/ Territorial	231
Stand Up - PIED (Montreal Public Health)	CW	Other: Implemented as developed in Montreal	ED, EX, BE, EN	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	232
Stand Up! Program	CW, CF, AL, LTC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EX, BE, EN, CL, MR, EQ	Federal Government	233

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Stay at Home Strategy	CW, CF, AL	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ALL		234
Stay on Your Feet	CW, CF	A stand-alone project	ED, EX, EN, CL, MA, MR, EQ	Provincial/ Territorial	235
STAY ON YOUR FEET	ALL	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	236
Stay On Your Feet Parry Sound	CW, CF	Other: Stay on Your Feet Australia	ED, EX, BE, EN, MR, EQ	Other	237
Staying Independant	CW	Other: Part of a multidisciplinary program	ED, BE, EN, MR, EQ, Other: Policy development	Regional/ municipal funding	
Strong and Steady Falls Prevention Program	CW, CF	Other: Assessment/ exercise/ intervention	ED, EX, EN, CL, MA, MR, EQ, Other: Access to community resources	Regional/ municipal funding	238
Successfully Engaging Older Adults in Falls Preventing Activities	CW, CF	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	Other: Knowledge translation	Provincial/ Territorial	239
Use of dual-task tests to identify fall risk in the cognitively impaired (MCI and mild AD) without a recent history of falling	CW, CF	Other: Secondary analysis of cohort	CL	Other	240
Volunteers for Seniors	CW, CF	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EX, BE	Other	241
VON Canada SMART (Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together) Program	CW, CF	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EX	Other	242
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VON Sakura House- Hospice	Other: Residential hospice	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EN, CL, MA, MR, EQ	Provincial/ Territorial	244
VON SMART	CW, CF	A stand-alone project	ED, EX, EQ	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	245
VON SMART Exercises -(Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together)	CW, CF	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EX	Provincial/ Territorial	246
VON SMART Program	CW, CF, LTC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EX	Regional/ municipal funding	247
VON SMART Program - exercise for seniors	CW, CF, AL	A stand-alone project	ED, EX, BE, EN, CL, MR, EQ	Other	
VON SMART Seniors Exercise Program	CW, CF, AL	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EX, BE, EN, CL, MR, EQ	Regional/ municipal funding	248
Wellness for Seniors	CW, CF	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EX, BE, EN, CL, MR, EQ	Regional/ municipal funding	249
West End Integrated Falls Prevention Program	CW, CF, AL, Other: Residential (but not LTC)	A stand-alone project	ALL	Provincial/ Territorial	250
www.fallspreventioninfo.ca	CW, CF, Other: Health Care Providers and Families	Other: Part of a falls prevention strategy	ED	Other	251
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Falls Management	LTC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ALL	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	253
Fall Prevention	AC		ED, EN, CL, EQ	Provincial/Territorial	254

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Continuum de services en prévention des chutes chez les aînés vivant à domicile - three fold continuum in fall prevention in the elderly living in the community	CW, CF, AL	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EX, EN, CL, MA, MR	Regional/municipal funding	255

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College of Nursing Community Practicum	AL, LTC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice; A stand-alone project	ED	N/A	256
Cypress Health Region Falls Prevention Falls Prevention Program	CW, CF, LTC, AC LTC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice; A stand-alone project A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ALL ALL	N/A Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	257 258
Five Hills Health Region Falls Prevention	ALL	A new evidence-based part of regular practice; A stand-alone project	ED, EX, BE, EN	N/A	259
Forever...In Motion for Older Adults	CW, CF, AL CF	A new evidence-based part of regular practice; A stand-alone project A new evidence-based part of regular practice; A stand-alone project	ED, EX, BE, EN ALL	N/A N/A	260 261
Geriatric Services	CW, CF, LTC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice; A stand-alone project	ED, EX, BE, EN, EQ ALL	N/A	262
Keewatin Yatthe Region Falls Prevention	CW, CF, AL, LTC CW, CF	A new evidence-based part of regular practice; A stand-alone project Other: Wellness education	ED, EX, BE, EN, EQ ED, EX, MR	N/A Provincial/ Territorial	263 264
Kelsey Trail Health Region Fall Prevention	LTC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EX, BE, EN, CL, MR, EQ ALL	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding) Other	265 266
LiveWell With Chronic Conditions Coordinator	CF	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ALL	N/A	267
Long term care falls prevention program					
Maintaining Independence: Wellness and Fall Prevention Clinic	AL, LTC, AC, Other: Mental health	A new evidence-based part of regular practice; A stand-alone project	ALL	N/A	
Mamawetan Churchill River Fall Prevention					

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Meri Misfits	CW, CF, AL, LTC	A stand-alone project	ED, BE	N/A	268
Older Adult Wellness	CW	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, BE	Regional/municipal funding	269
Osteoporosis Canada - Saskatoon Chapter	CW, CF	A new evidence-based part of regular practice; A stand-alone project	ED	N/A	270
PAPHR Steering Committee	ALL	A new evidence-based part of regular practice; A stand-alone project	ED, EX, BE, EN, EQ	N/A	271
Public Health Services - Older Adult Wellness	CW, CF	A new evidence-based part of regular practice; A stand-alone project	ED	N/A	272
Regional Falls Prevention Committee	ALL	A new evidence-based part of regular practice; A stand-alone project	ALL	N/A	273
River Heights Lodge Fall Prevention Program	LTC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ALL	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	274
Saskatoon Falls Consortium	ALL	A new evidence-based part of regular practice; A stand-alone project	ALL	N/A	275
School of Physical Therapy - Fall Prevention Research	ALL	A stand-alone project	ALL	N/A	276
Seniors on the Move	CW, CF	A new evidence-based part of regular practice; A stand-alone project	ED, EX, BE, EN, EQ	N/A	277
Staying on Your Feet	CW, CF	A new evidence-based part of regular practice; A stand-alone project	ED, EX, BE, EN, EQ	N/A	278
Your Next Step, Fall Prev LTC	CW, CF, LTC	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ALL	Site-specific (in-house or in-kind funding)	279

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Developing a Community-Based Falls Prevention Approach in Yukon, Canada:					
Working Together across Borders and Cultures	CW, CF	A stand-alone project	ED, EX, BE, EN, EQ	N/A	280
Fall prevention pilot project	CW, CF	A new evidence-based part of regular practice	ED, EX, BE, EN, EQ, Other: Liase with physicians	Provincial/ Territorial	281
Senior Fit	CW, CF	A stand-alone project	ED, EX, BE, EN, EQ	Federal Government	282

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**1**

Project Title:

**Active Independence (HSEP) Exercise Program**

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Goals and Objectives:

Promote daily activity as a part of healthy living. Promote safe environment for Day Program. Assess older adults for fitness program.

Duration:

September 2008 - ongoing

**2**

Project Title:

**AHS – Calgary Fall Prevention Program**

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Goals and Objectives:

Reduction of falls and injuries from falls in the over 65 age group within AHS- Calgary and with in the community with community partnerships.

Duration:

July 2007 – present

**3**

Project Title:

**Balance Class**

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Goals and Objectives:

Improve balance and walking safety.

Duration:

February 2008 - present

**4**

Project Title: **Balance for Life**  
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Goals and Objectives: To provide balance specific fitness and education to older adults in an assisted living setting.

Duration: February 2006 – ongoing

**5**

Project Title: **Better Balance Program**  
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Goals and Objectives: To provide lower extremity strengthening, balance exercises and fall prevention strategies for patients at risk for falls.

Duration: September 2005 - ongoing

**6**

Project Title: **Calgary Fall Prevention Clinic**  
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<http://www.calgaryhealthregion.ca/programs/seniorshealth/fall.htm>

Goals and Objectives: Assessment of fallers; providing individualized risks and recommendations to decrease fall. Balance training provided for appropriate clients. Consultation with OT for provision of equipment in home; cognition or functional assessment. Medication review by pharmacist. Consultation with Social Worker for fear of falling. Nutritional consultation as needed.

Duration: September 2001 - present

**7**

Project Title: **Carewest Day Hospital**  
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Goals and Objectives: The clients' personal well-being is optimized. Clients function at their highest preferred and possible level of independence. Clients perceive improved ability to cope with health-related concerns. Clients and/or family / informal caregivers have information and access to resources to support clients at home. Clients' use of acute care services is appropriate. Clients' risk of premature placement in long term care is minimized.

Duration: Ongoing

**8**

Project Title: **Edmonton Zone Seniors Integrated Home Living - Falls Risk Management Strategies**  
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Goals and Objectives: Identify those most at risk; track number of falls/interventions; provide Case Managers with education regarding risk factors, strategies and appropriate referrals.

Duration: January 2010 - present

**9**

Project Title: **Fall Free**  
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Goals and Objectives: This is a nine week program done in a assisted living lodge setting consisting of ½- 1 hour presentations on topics that

would help identify potential risk factors and help reduce falls in older adults. It is based on Promoting Active Living: Best Practice guidelines for Fall Prevention in Assisted Living. Objectives - Increase knowledge of what a fall is and risk factors for both residents and staff. - Assessment of individual and room risk factor. - Change in behavior to reduce risk factors ie. proper footwear.

Duration: October 2009 – December 2009

## **10**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

### **Fall Prevention and Injury Prevention**

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Goals and Objectives:

1) Decrease fall incidents by 10%; 2) decrease injury incidents by 10%.

Duration:

Ongoing

## **11**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

### **Fall Prevention Program**

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Goals and Objectives:

Started a multi-disciplinary falls prevention committee in Acute Care to identify, coordinate and implement initiatives/strategies to reduce falls in acute care.

Duration:

June 2006 - present

**12**

Project Title:	<b>Fall Prevention Program</b>
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Goals and Objectives:	Identify clients at risk for a fall or those who have fallen. Implement customized prevention strategies to prevent further falls.
Duration:	November 2009 - ongoing

**13**

Project Title:	<b>Fall Prevention Program</b>
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Goals and Objectives:	Safer Healthcare Now Fall Prevention Collaborative in Long Term Care. Goals: reduce the incidence of falls; reduce the severity of falls; administer a falls assessment to all admissions; administer a post falls assessment for people who fell; falls interventions on charts for assessed fallers; reduce restraint use.
Duration:	May 2008 – May 2009

**14**

Project Title:	<b>Fall Prevention Program</b>
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Goals and Objectives:	Provide relevant information and preventative measure to reduce falls.
Duration:	October 2009 - present

**15**

Project Title:	<b>Fall Prevention Program</b>
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Goals and Objectives:	- to increase awareness of fall prevention among seniors groups in the community; - to inform physician clinics in the community regarding the role of physiotherapy and exercise in fall prevention.
Duration:	November 2009 - present

**16**

Project Title:	<b>Fall Prevention Program AHS – Calgary</b>
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Goals and Objectives:	Rate of emergency department (ED) visits due to falls (65+ years); Rate of acute care admissions due to falls (65+ years); Rate of acute care admissions for hip fractures due to falls (65+ years).
Duration:	January 2007 - present

**17**

Project Title:	<b>FallProof Program</b>
Contact Information:	Barbara Kresowaty Pursuit Physiotherapy (403) 356-9789 Alberta
Goals and Objectives:	Assess and manage through active exercise in a group setting, multifactorial deficits of postural control in various environmental settings.
Duration:	November 2009 - present

**18**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**Falls management - Unit 35 and Unit 31 RDRHC**

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Goals and Objectives:

Falls and their subsequent outcomes are serious health threats for older adults. Approximately one half of falls in the elderly can be attributed to accidents and extrinsic causes such as slippery floors, and the remainder from intrinsic causes such as lower extremity weakness, gait disorders, effects of medications or acute illness. Thus it is necessary to assess the client's behavior, including cognition and mobility levels in order to provide a safe environment. This will reduce the number of avoidable falls and reduce the severity of injuries that may occur as a result of an avoidable fall.

Duration:

January 2009 – June 2009

**19**

Project Title:

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**Falls Prevention Program**

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Goals and Objectives:

To keep our patients safe while focusing on prevention of functional decline while in hospital.

Duration:

September 2007 - present

**20**

Project Title:	<b>Fall Prevention and Management</b>
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Goals and Objectives:	Reduce length of stay in the hospital due to injuries suffered from a hospital related fall.
Duration:	January 2010 - present

**21**

Project Title:	<b>Falls Prevention Coordinator for Canmore Hospital and Canmore and Banff Community</b>
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Goals and Objectives:	To identify and assess clients in the community that have fallen in past 6 months using multidisciplinary team approach, to initiate and assist LTC and ACUTE care with an ongoing falls prevention program. Ongoing education in the community about falls prevention with educational sessions with frail and well seniors.
Duration:	January 2006 - present

**22**

Project Title:	<b>Fall Prevention Education</b>
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Goals and Objectives:	To increase knowledge and behaviors in Central AB communities (Seniors and staff working with Seniors) through education from Finding Balance Campaign to reduce falls and improve overall health.
Duration:	September 2009 - ongoing

**23**

Project Title:

**Falls Prevention Initiative at the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital: A Participatory Approach**

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Goals and Objectives:

1) Understand the context-specific issues contributing to falls 2) design an intervention aimed at reducing the rates of falls in geriatric rehabilitation. 3) construct a patient falls risk assessment tool with suggested strategies to prevent falls.

Duration:

April 2009 – December 2010

**24**

Project Title:

**Fall Prevention Pilot Project**

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Goals and Objectives:

Work collaboratively with other organizations to develop a pilot program that has peer-led education about falls prevention with seniors who are living independently in the community. Goals include: Determine and develop strategies for identifying and connecting with seniors in the community who have not fallen previously and who are not aware of the risks in their environment; Take falls prevention education to the seniors home where there is a strong opportunity for reducing risk; Learn about how receptive seniors are to making changes in their home to promote safety; Determine if, because of peer led safety audit, seniors in the community make changes in their home to decrease the number of risks in the environment that contribute to falls; Help determine what strategies work best to reduce some hazards of falls for seniors in community that have not previously thought about their personal risks. Give seniors involved more confidence that they will be safe in their home; Give seniors involved more

control over staying independent and living safely at home; Identify what additional supports are needed to enable seniors involved to make their home environment safer.

Duration: January 2010 – December 2010

**25**

Project Title:

**Falls Prevention Strategy**

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Goals and Objectives:

Educate and empower patients and caregivers in falls prevention and service access. Identify older people at risk before they fall and provide intervention through an interactive volunteer facilitated physical activity program. Provide appropriate assessment and intervention for those older people who have sustained a fall. Achieve a coordinated, multidisciplinary approach to falls prevention within Calgary West Central PCN with strong community involvement. Reduce the number of falls in older people in the community and home settings, as tracked in the PCN Falls Registry.

Duration:

September 2010 - ongoing

**26**

Project Title:

**Falls Team – Tofield Long Term Care**

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Goals and Objectives:

Initial goal was to complete Pilot project and then set up a falls team who could assess and intervene in falls management in LTC based on the outcomes from the pilot.

Duration:

July 2007 - present

**27**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**Finding Balance Falls Prevention Network**

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<http://www.findingbalancealberta.ca>

Goals and Objectives:

To provide members working in the area of seniors' falls prevention with an opportunity for networking, collaboration, information sharing and education.

1) Increase accessibility to seniors' falls prevention information such as programming, best practice, recent research, data, educational opportunities etc. through an electronic distribution list and a webpage within the Finding Balance website

2) Coordinate quarterly teleconferences

3) Increase number of practitioners sharing and exchanging knowledge to improve practice

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2) Coordinate quarterly teleconferences

3) Increase number of practitioners sharing and exchanging knowledge to improve practice.

Duration:

May 2007 - ongoing

**28**

Project Title: **Finding Balance Seniors' Falls Prevention Provincial Public Awareness Campaign**

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<http://www.findingbalancealberta.ca>

Goals and Objectives: To generate a critical mass of awareness regarding the magnitude of the injury problem of seniors' falls in Alberta and to promote individual and community action to prevent falls.

Duration: November 2008 - ongoing

**29**

Project Title: **Home Care Fall Prevention Team**

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Goals and Objectives: Prevent Falls and Acute care admissions in Seniors in Home care.

Duration: November 2007 - present

**30**

Project Title: **Home Care Fall Prevention Team**

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South Calgary Health Centre  
31 Sunpark Plaza SE, Calgary Alberta T2X 3W5

Goals and Objectives: To complete a comprehensive, multidisciplinary falls assessment; identify risk factors; and provide intervention strategies to the client and their family.

Duration: December 2006 - ongoing

**31**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**Home Support Exercise Program**

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Goals and Objectives:

Home Support Exercise Program is a physical activity and healthy eating program led by trained health care aides under the supervision of a community care coordinator. Participants access this program through the Health Region's community care/home care services.

Duration:

January 2008 – March 2009

**32**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**Independent Living Guide**

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459-4<sup>th</sup> Street SE, Medicine Hat Alberta, T1A 0K5

Goals and Objectives:

Education of clients and staff for safety in the home. Staff go through booklet with clients including bathroom, kitchen, basement, floors, stairs, entrances, outside driving and medication; fraud alerts.

Duration:

January 2009 – January 2010

**33**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**Injury Prevention**

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Goals and Objectives:

Decreasing falls and fall morbidity and mortality in all age groups.

Duration:

November 2009 - present

**34**

Project Title:  
Contact Information:

**In-Patient Falls Program**  
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666-5<sup>th</sup> Street, Medicine Hat Alberta, T1A 3Y9

Goals and Objectives:

Identify patients at risk for falling through use of fall risk assessment tool by team; prevent falls through the selection of appropriate, client focused intervention strategies by the team; conduct consistent thorough falls investigations.

Duration:

June 2007 - present

**35**

Project Title:  
Contact Information:

**Integrated Facility Living Falls Management Standard**  
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Goals and Objectives:

To support continuing care facilities in reducing the frequency of resident falls and minimizing the severity of falls injuries while respecting a resident's individual rights, dignity and autonomy. It is an interdisciplinary approach to falls prevention with priority placed on resident safety and injury prevention.

Duration:

January 2008 – December 2009

**36**

Project Title:  
Contact Information:

**Integrated Home Living Falls Risk Management Strategy**  
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Goals and Objectives:

To implement a Falls Risk Management Strategy into Integrated Home Living, Seniors Health, Edmonton Zone by Dec 2010. Goals include: 1. Consistent reporting of fall events in Integrated Home Living. 2. Identification of Integrated Home Living Clients at risk for falls 3. Provide

staff education on a population health approach to falls risk management 4. Establish best practices in falls risk management for clients/caregivers in Integrated Home Living. 5. Raise awareness of falls risk management in integrated Home Living. The aim of the strategy is to have a evidence-informed, client-centered falls risk management program in place by December 2010.

Duration: January 2008 - present

**37**

Project Title:

**Interdisciplinary Falls Prevention Strategy for Town of High River**

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High River Alberta T1V 2B3

Goals and Objectives:

To work as an integrated team to recognise fall risk and to promote fall prevention to the community of High River. As the town is a small community with its own hospital/emerg we have a great opportunity to work closely to prevent falls and ultimately reduce the admissions to an already overloaded emerg and acute care

Duration: June 2009 – ongoing

**38**

Project Title:

**Legacy 4 Health (Indoor Walking) Program**

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Goals and Objectives:

Address falls in Seniors; work with social isolation; injury prevention in seniors.

Duration:

January 2007 - present

**39**

Project Title:

**LifeMark Dizziness & Balance Programs**

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Goals and Objectives: - Vestibular assessment; -balance assessment including fall risk measures; -providing vestibular rehabilitation; - providing balance retraining.

Duration: November 2005 – present

#### **40**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**Living Well with a Chronic Condition**

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Goals and Objectives: Enable people with a chronic condition to better manage their condition and live the healthiest lives they can. Living Well does this through supervised exercise classes, education and self-management workshops.

Duration: September 2003 - ongoing

#### **41**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**Mobility Rodeo**

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Goals and Objectives: Goal: to provide a comprehensive interdisciplinary team assessment & intervention for persons identified as high risk for fall in the assisted living environment; Objectives: to reduce the number of injurious fall by 15% in the frail residents in the assisted living environments in the MD of Foothills. To identify frail assisted living residents at risk for fall using a falls risk screening tool targetting functional mobility; To implement care plans and strategic interventions unique to each assessed individual targetting the minimizing of their risk for fall.

Duration: October 2007 - ongoing

**42**

Project Title:  
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**Move'n Mingle**  
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Calgary Alberta T2E 7Z2  
<http://www.calgaryhealthregion.ca/programs/aging/mingle.htm>

Goals and Objectives:

Promoting fall prevention awareness and active living to help prevent or reduce falls and fall injuries in the community dwelling older adults. The program has three components: fall prevention exercise, education and socialization. Primarily targets seniors (65+) disadvantaged by culture, language or social isolation.

Duration:

June 2006 - ongoing

**43**

Project Title:  
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**Older Adult Health and Wellness Student Clinic**  
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Goals and Objectives:

This program is specifically designed to improve older adults balance, strength and stamina. This group is open to all abilities and conditions and will strive to improve all attendee's independence with special emphasis on preventing falls and improving function. The clinic strives to educate and expose physical therapy students in the areas of seniors health and fall prevention.

Duration:

January 2010 - present

**44**

Project Title:  
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**Falls Prevention Committee**  
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Goals and Objectives: Committee of staff with role in fall prevention.  
Duration: May 2008 – present

**45**

Project Title: **Please Help Me I'm Falling**  
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Goals and Objectives: Increase awareness of strategies to prevent falls in the well community dwelling seniors.  
Duration: May 2004 - present

**46**

Project Title: **Rehabilitation Assessment for Independent Living**  
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Goals and Objectives: Looking at identifying specific risk factors in a team setting of PT, OT, and pharmacy and assessing if specific interventions reduced fall risk and falls efficacy.  
Duration: May 2009 – September 2009

**47**

Project Title: **Seniors Conversation Cafe**  
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Goals and Objectives: Education and awareness for local seniors.  
Duration: November 2009

**48**

Project Title:	<b>Seniors South Home Care Falls Prevention Team</b>
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Goals and Objectives:	To provide assessment, intervention and follow up for Home Care clients at risk for falls or who have fallen in the last 3 months.
Duration:	September 2007 - ongoing

**49**

Project Title:	<b>Seniors Wellness Coalition</b>
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Goals and Objectives:	Presentations based on the finding balance program.
Duration:	March 2009 - present

**50**

Project Title:	<b>Steady As You Go (SAYGO)</b>
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Goals and Objectives:	Assist seniors in identifying their personal risk factors for falls and assist them in determining how to deal with these risk factors.
Duration:	February 1998 - present

**51**

Project Title:	<b>Steady as you go (SAYGO)</b>
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Goals and Objectives: Goals - educate participants as to the importance of fall prevention and what are their personal risk factors.  
Objectives - Falls is a combination of factors and by the end of the workshops the seniors should know: What are their risk factors? What can they change? How important it is to take action to keep themselves safe?

Duration: January 1992 – May 2010

## **52**

Project Title: **Steady As You Go Clinic**  
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Goals and Objectives: Decrease falls risks and falls rates and injurious falls in community dwelling older adults who are already experiencing falls.

Duration: May 2008 - ongoing

## **53**

Project Title: **The Fall Reduction Committee**  
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Goals and Objectives: To reduce the risk of fall related injuries; to reduce the overall number of falls in our LTC; To research and implement current best practice in falls; to educate residents.

Duration: September 2009 - present

**54**

Project Title:

**Wii Balance, Balance Workout, Agility Challenge,  
Locomotion and Balance**

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Goals and Objectives:

Wii balance is to improve dynamic and static balance, strengthen muscles through the use of the Nintendo Wii. Classes are to target locomotion and balance issues through targeted exercises.

Duration:

January 2008 - present

## **BRITISH COLUMBIA**

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**55**

Project Title:

**AD Anti-Stigma Project**

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Goals and Objectives:

1) Reduce the stigma associated with assistive device use;  
2) increase the usage of assistive devices through education, humour, peer to peer mentoring; 3) leave a tangible anti-stigma program in rural communities across Canada.

Duration:

September 2005 – March 2010

**56**

Project Title:

**Age Friendly Community Planning**

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Goals and Objectives:

Integrate health messaging as part of the planning process. Ensure the built environment meets the needs of vulnerable populations. Support aging in place.

Duration:

January 2008 - ongoing

**57**

Project Title:

**BC Fall and Injury Prevention Coalition**

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**Goals and Objectives:** The BC Falls and Injury Prevention Coalition (BCFIPC) is a multi-sectoral collaboration of representatives from regional/provincial organizations, academic institutions, professional associations and community agencies who are concerned with the need to reduce the rate, frequency and severity of falls among older persons in British Columbia. The coalition is comprised of regional health representatives, policy makers, researchers, physicians, managers of provincial and regional falls and injury prevention initiatives, falls prevention project coordinators, geriatric care coordinators, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, nursing consultants and other organizations representing older persons in B.C. Through networking, education, research and the implementation of evidence-based practices, BCIFPC members seek to enhance policy and programming at local, regional and provincial levels to reduce fall and injury risk among older persons. Working as a cohesive network, BCIFPC has the opportunity to maximize the potential of existing programs, collaboratively develop new programs, and effectively allocate resources through reduced duplication of efforts and exchange resources and information.

**Duration:** 2006 - ongoing

## **58**

**Project Title:**

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**Canadian Falls Prevention Curriculum (CFPC)**

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**Goals and Objectives:**

The Canadian Fall Prevention Curriculum is designed to provide participants with the ability to design, implement and evaluate an effective fall prevention program in their work setting. This course is offered as a two-day facilitated workshop course and a four-week facilitated E-Learning course.

**Duration:**

December 2007 - ongoing

**59**

Project Title:  
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**Continuing Care Falls Prevention**

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Goals and Objectives:

1) Raise awareness of falls prevention strategies in the community at large. 2) Assess and implement fall prevention program with clients who are identified to be at risk by VCH home support, home care nursing. 3) Assess and identify risk factors and implement a rehab/prevention program in home bound clients who have fallen.

Duration:

September 2007 - ongoing

**60**

Project Title:  
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Vernon British Columbia

Goals and Objectives:

Improve balance, strength, mobility, home safety, quality of life and maintain independence of community dwelling elderly individuals. This is achieved by a 12 week course of balance/ strength training and falls education.

Duration:

January 2002 - ongoing

**61**

Project Title:  
Contact Information:

**Fall Prevention Awareness**  
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104 - 1230 Fort Street  
Victoria, British Columbia V8V 6L2

Goals and Objectives: Improved awareness among older adults of hazards for falls, such as rushing across the crosswalk, slippery floors, dim lighting, getting up from bed too quickly.

Duration: Ongoing

## **62**

Project Title: **Fall Prevention Initiative at Kelowna General Hospital**

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Goals and Objectives: To reduce the frequency and degree of injury of falls in acute psychiatry. Our fall prevention initiative is tightly linked to staff and patient safety in other domains such as lifting/ transferring and management of aggressive behaviours (ie. Restraint – mechanical and chemical – use).

Duration: February 2008 - ongoing

## **63**

Project Title: **Fall Prevention Program**

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Goals and Objectives: To reduce falls and injury from falls while eliminating physical restraints.

Duration: April 2008 - ongoing

## **64**

Project Title: **Fall Prevention Survey**

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British Columbia

Goals and Objectives: Looking at the barriers to implementing the PAL Guidelines (Promoting Active Living – Best Practice Guidelines for Fall Prevention in Assisted Living); Investigating ways to increase exercise/ active aging in ALR's as a way to prevent falls.

Duration: March 2010 – ongoing

**65**

Project Title: **Falls Harm Reduction Project Complex Care Prince Rupert**

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Goals and Objectives: To plan and implement an effective and sustainable falls harm reduction program at the complex care facility. To promote optimal health and reduce harm resulting from falls among residents of the Complex Care Facility.

Duration: June 2008 – March 2010

**66**

Project Title: **Falls Injury Prevention & Management**

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Goals and Objectives: Prevent fall related injuries in the acute care setting in Providence Health.

Duration: January 2007 - ongoing

**67**

Project Title: **Falls Injury Prevention & Management Program**

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Goals and Objectives: Goals: Reduce the number of injurious falls; Standardize care for patients who have fallen; Provide patient and family fall prevention education for discharge from hospital.

Duration: January 2007 - ongoing

**68**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**Falls Prevention Program**

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Vancouver British Columbia V5Z 4G5

<http://www.chaco.ca>

Goals and Objectives: Falls Prevention. Chaco can assist you in creating a Falls Prevention Program. The program is one-on-one training. We recommend 5 sessions which include the following: Assessment; Screening assessments to determine client's individual risk factors for falls; Education; Information related to the risk of falling distributed through handouts, discussions, presentations and demonstrations; Program Targeted strength and balance exercises that improve coordination, agility and posture relevant to falls prevention.

Duration: January 2008 – ongoing

**69**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**FH Falls Prevention Mobile Clinic**

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[http://www.fraserhealth.ca/your\\_health/seniors/falls\\_and\\_injury\\_prevention/](http://www.fraserhealth.ca/your_health/seniors/falls_and_injury_prevention/)

Goals and Objectives: 1. Provide individualized information and intervention that have the potential to decrease the risk for falls and fall-related injuries. 2. Improve access to falls screening, assessment tools, and interventions for individuals in remote areas or areas without similar programs. 3. Provide a multi-disciplinary approach to the prevention of

falls and fall-related injuries. 4. Develop a database containing information about the participants risk for falls and interventions provided for future follow up. 5. Raise awareness related to falls prevention among health professionals serving the community.

Duration: September 2007 - ongoing

**70**

Project Title:  
in Long Term Care Facilities  
Contact Information:

**Fraser Health Joint Venture on Falls and Injury Reduction**

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Goals and Objectives:

The program goal was to support residential facilities in implementing the Fraser Health Falls Clinical Practice Guideline. The primary outcomes anticipated were: Teams involved in the Falls Joint Venture report having a better understanding of falls prevention and injury reduction (knowledge translation). Facilities participating in the Joint Venture report success in implementing the Falls CPG. Residents of facilities participating in the Falls Joint Venture experience a reduction in serious injury/fractures related to falls.

Duration: October 2008 – April 2010

**71**

Project Title:  
Contact Information:

**Illness and Accident Prevention Program**

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Goals and Objectives:

Our goal is to reach senior groups with fall prevention advice and to encourage individuals to plan their own fall prevention initiatives.

Duration: April 2007 - ongoing

**72**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**PAL Program**

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Village At Smith Creek

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<http://www.baptisthousing.org>

Goals and Objectives:

To teach tenants the reasons for falls, give exercises to help prevent, and educate.

Duration:

January 2010 - ongoing

**73**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**Primary Health Care Strategy**

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Goals and Objectives:

Primary Health Care Goals – improve patient provider experience; improve health outcomes; reduce acute care costs.

Duration:

April 2008 - ongoing

**74**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**Regional Standard – Scott Fall Risk Screen**

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Goals and Objectives:

To identify one regional standard fall risk screening tool for use in all IH facilities. To train Falls Champions in every IH facility to teach their staff how to complete the Scott Fall Risk Screen. To have every LPN, RN, OT and PT in IH facilities trained to complete a Scott Fall Risk Screen. For

every resident in an IH facility to have a Scott Fall Risk Screen completed and in their chart by March 31, 2010.  
Duration: January 2010 – March 2010

**75**

Project Title: **Regional Strategies for Fall Prevention**  
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Goals and Objectives: Regional strategic approach to fall prevention planning.

**76**

Project Title: **Strategies and Actions for Independent Living (SAIL)**  
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Goals and Objectives: Promote the safety and independence of older people in the community by using an integrated team model.  
Duration: January 2008 - ongoing

**77**

Project Title: **Scott Falls Risk Screen**  
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Goals and Objectives: Prevent/ reduce falls and fall-related injuries.  
Duration: March 2009 - ongoing

**78**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**Seniors Fall and Injury Prevention Initiative**

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Goals and Objectives:

Build a network of partners and collaborators; effectively integrate sustainable fall prevention solutions into practice; effect behaviour change that results in a decrease in falls and fall related injury.

Duration:

May 2006 - ongoing

**79**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**Seniors Fall Prevention Program**

VCH – Richmond Public Health

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Richmond British Columbia V6Y 3T6

Goals and Objectives:

Short Term Goals: Enhance individual, family and community capacity to prevent unintentional injury due to falls occurring in Richmond's community dwelling older adult population 65 years and older. Long Term Goals: Reduce the incidence of premature death, chronic pain, disability, emergency services, hospitalization and admission to residential care due to preventable falls.

Duration:

March 2004 - ongoing

**80**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**Seniors' Fall Prevention Week**

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BC Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport

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Goals and Objectives:

To educate and raise awareness about fall prevention among seniors in BC. To encourage leadership and collaboration among health authorities.

Duration:

November 2007 - ongoing

**81**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**STAT Centre**

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Vancouver British Columbia V6A 4H2

Goals and Objectives:

Multidisciplinary team approach; patient specific, patient focused; community based geriatric assessment and treatment centre. Goals are to reduce or help manage falls risk.

Duration:

Ongoing

**82**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**Stay in the Game – Fall Prevention for Seniors**

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Goals and Objectives:

To encourage seniors to make changes to their behaviour and environment so as to prevent falls. To promote active planning to achieve that goal.

Duration:

April 2007 – ongoing

**83**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**Steady Feet**

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Goals and Objectives:

Falls prevention.

Duration:

January 2006 - ongoing

**84**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**Strategies and Actions for Independent Living (SAIL)**

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Goals and Objectives:

Track falls and injuries to community care clients throughout Interior Health. Prevent falls and injuries to community care clients throughout Interior Health. Provide education and resources to support care aides in preventing falls.

Duration:

June 2008 - ongoing

**85**

Project Title:

**Transformative Change Accord: First Nations Health Plan & Tripartite First Nations Health Plan**

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Goals and Objectives:

Create fundamental change for the improvement of the health status of First Nations people in BC. Define a series of founding principles that will underpin the development and implementation of a new governance system for health services and guide systemic changes. Establishes

goals for the successful implementation of short and medium actions related to the implementation of this plan.

Duration: November 2006 - ongoing

**86**

Project Title:

**Universal Fall Precautions/ 3 Easy Questions**

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Goals and Objectives:

To raise awareness of the problem of patient falls in acute care settings, among staff, patients and visitors. To serve as the first step in a regional acute care fall prevention strategy.

Duration:

September 2009 - ongoing

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**87**

Project Title:	<b>ABC+ Hourly Rounding Project</b>
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Goals and Objectives:	The intention of the study is to implement an interdisciplinary standardized approach for patient rounding and see the impact standardized rounds has on falls and wounds. By implementing standardized hourly patient rounding our goal is to see a decrease in falls and pressure wounds.
Duration:	January 2010 – March 2010

**88**

Project Title:	<b>Arthritis Self Management Programs</b>
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Goals and Objectives:	Awareness, self assessment/risk factors of falls related to arthritis; instilling confidence in individuals affected to initiate behavior changes.
Duration:	January 2008 - ongoing

**89**

Project Title:	<b>CNS Geriatrics</b>
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Goals and Objectives:	Henrich Fall II Prevention Program
Duration:	February 2010 – June 2010

**90**

Project Title: **Evaluating debilitating falls in the Manitoba ambulatory oncology department**

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Goals and Objectives: (1) rate of debilitating falls (i.e. falls that require hospitalization) in community dwelling cancer patients living in Manitoba and compare it to similarly matched individuals without cancer; (2) identify factors associated with debilitating falls in community dwelling cancer patients; and (3) investigate the impact that debilitating falls have on survival in community dwelling cancer patients. In order to complete these objectives we will evaluate all Manitoba cancer patients between 2003 and 2008 and then compare these patients to similar non-cancer patients using a variety of well known Manitoba databases. We will perform appropriate statistical tests on the extracted information to fulfill our 3 objectives

Duration: Ongoing

**91**

Project Title: **Fairview Falls**

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Goals and Objectives: To reduce resident falls in the long term care facility.

Duration: October 2009 - ongoing

**92**

Project Title: **Fall Alert Pilot Project**

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Goals and Objectives: To inform the community dwelling seniors about weather-related hazardous sidewalk conditions so they can take extra safety precautions as required.

Duration: October 2009 – June 2011

**93**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**Fall Prevention Presentation**

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Goals and Objectives: To keep older adults in their own homes safely for as long as possible.

Duration: November 2008 - ongoing

**94**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**Fall Prevention Program**

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Goals and Objectives: 1) To create a safe environment that encourages independence, confidence and activity and mobility, all of which are essential to a patient's quality of life. 2) To identify the patients at risk for falling and initiate preventative measures. 3) To reduce the number and severity of falls.

Duration: August 2009 - ongoing

**95**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**Falls Prevention Program**

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Goals and Objectives: To develop an ongoing practice with clients & families of basic safety factors in the home. Checklist developed for direct service staff to review with clients.

Duration: September 2003 - ongoing

**96**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**Fall Prevention Strategy for Long Term Care**

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Goals and Objectives: To reduce the number of falls and fall-related injuries which occur in personal care homes.

Duration: April 2007 - ongoing

**97**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**Falls Management**

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Goals and Objectives: Reduce frequency of falls; reduce severity of injury; instill sensitivity amongst staff to fall risk factors for everyone on admission and quarterly.

Duration: September 2009 - ongoing

**98**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**Falls Management for Long Term Care**

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Goals and Objectives: Decrease number of falls by 10%; decrease number of serious injuries by 10%.  
Duration: June 2007 - ongoing

### **99**

Project Title: **Fall Prevention Awareness**  
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ALCOA c/o Wellness Institute  
1075 Leila Ave., Winnipeg Manitoba R2P 2W7  
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Goals and Objectives: 1) Increase awareness; 2) carry out at least one behavior to reduce risk of falls.  
Duration: November 2007 - ongoing

### **100**

Project Title: **Falls Prevention Program**  
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Goals and Objectives: Implement falls assessment on targeted population - All patients > 65 years within 24 hours of admission. All patients who have a history of falls or who fall during admission and All patients whose change in mental status, mobility, or toileting needs warrant a review. All residents admitted to LTC and all home care clients.  
Duration: April 2010 - ongoing

### **101**

Project Title: **Focus on Falls Prevention**  
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Goals and Objectives: Purpose: To improve the Quality of Life and safety for seniors in the Province of Manitoba; To provide evidence to support improving vision in this population group and that it will impact positively on falls and fractures and overall health care budget and wait times. Goals: To provide on-site vision care services to seniors residing in long term care, community, and acute care settings in both urban and rural Manitoba; To identify the effects of vision care services on reducing falls and fractures as a patient safety initiative.

Duration: September 2006 - ongoing

### **102**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

#### **Focus on Falls Prevention**

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Goals and Objectives:

To identify if there is a relationship between vision loss and falls and fractures. To evaluate the effectiveness of vision care services on the incidence of falls and fractures and quality of life for older adults.

Duration:

January 2006 - ongoing

### **103**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

#### **Hendrich 2 Falls Prevention Model**

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Goals and Objectives:

Increase staff awareness and ability to predict who is at risk to fall; intervene before a patient falls; decrease our falls incidents and injuries in our facility.

Duration:

March 2010 - ongoing

**104**

Project Title:  
Contact Information:

**Home Health and Safety Program**  
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Assiniboine Regional Health Authority  
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PO Box 25, ROJ OPO

Goals and Objectives:

Falls reduction; home safety; provide participants with relevant local health services information.

Duration:

September 2004 - ongoing

**105**

Project Title:  
Contact Information:

**Manitoba Falls Prevention Strategy**  
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Goals and Objectives:

1) To reduce the risk of falls. 2) To reduce societal costs of falls. 3) To change attitudes and behaviours by creating a culture of safety.

Duration:

July 2007 - ongoing

**106**

Project Title:  
Contact Information:

**Mobile Falls Prevention Clinic**  
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Goals and Objectives:

To screen at frail elderly community dwelling people who have had one or more falls in the past 6 months for individual risk factors and provide services and education to help each client reduce his/her risk of falling.

Duration:

January 2010 – June 2010

**107**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**Prevention of Falls in Home Care**

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Goals and Objectives:

To educate the client regarding prevention of falls. To educate all levels of staff in regards to prevention of falls. To educate staff of resources in the community to assist in the reduction and prevention of falls.

Duration:

May 2008 - ongoing

**108**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**Regional Falls Prevention Leadership**

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Goals and Objectives:

Regional Falls Prevention Leadership Committee is responsible to facilitate sharing of best practices, ideas, tools and resources to ensure consistency in public messages and patient care approaches and to maximize efficiency and collaboration across all sectors in the Winnipeg Health region.

Duration:

October 2008 - ongoing

**109**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**Required Organizational Practices – Falls Prevention**

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Goals and Objectives:

To reduce the number of falls and the number of injuries resulting from falls in all Parkland Regional Health Authority institutions.

Duration:

April 2008 - ongoing

**110**

Project Title:  
Contact Information:

**Rideau Park Falls**

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Reduce falls of resident in long term care facility.

Goals and Objectives:  
Duration:

July 2008 - ongoing

**111**

Project Title:  
Contact Information:

**SafetyAid – Home Safety and Fall Prevention**  
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<http://www.gov.mb.ca/healthyliving>

Goals and Objectives:

SafetyAid is a combined crime prevention/home safety and falls prevention program, funded by MB Justice and MB Healthy Living, Youth and Seniors and delivered by Age & Opportunity Inc. The falls prevention component is designed to reduce the number of falls-related injuries in and around the home for community-based seniors by: providing information and educational sessions to seniors; Completing falls prevention and home safety audits with seniors in their home; Providing no-cost falls prevention items (ex: non-skid bath mats, flashlights) to eligible low-income seniors; Providing information on local health and safety resources; and Working in collaboration with seniors, health and law enforcement groups to promote program and make referrals.

Duration:

November 2004 - ongoing

**112**

Project Title:  
Contact Information:

**Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together (SMART)**  
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Goals and Objectives: Improve quality of life; allow continued independent living; provide more energy; prevent aches and pains; prevent falls; provide better posture and balance; increase muscle strength; improve self-esteem.

Duration: September 2002 - ongoing

**113**

Project Title:

**Staying on Your Feet**

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Winnipeg Manitoba R3E 0T2  
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Goals and Objectives: Health professionals will help senior clients identify their own personal falls risk factors and make a plan and personal commitment to take action to reduce their risk.

Duration: April 2009 - ongoing

## **NEW BRUNSWICK**

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### **114**

Program Title:

**Better Balance**

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Goals and Objectives:

Improve balance with frail elderly community dwelling adults.

Duration:

October 2006 - ongoing

### **115**

Program Title:

**Body N' Balance**

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Goals and Objectives:

To provide an exercise program to well elderly targeting, strength, balance and aerobic conditioning. The program also has 8 educational modules and a time for seniors to network and socialize.

Duration:

December 2009 - ongoing

**116**

Program Title: **On the Go Mobile fall risk assessment clinic (draft name)**  
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Goals and Objectives: Identify fall risk factors that can be modified and assist participants to link with services needed to reduce these risk factors; also education component about fall prevention.

Duration: February 2010 – ongoing

**117**

Program Title: **Fall Prevention at Wellness Fairs**  
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Goals and Objectives: To increase awareness of injury prevention to all age groups but to target Falls prevention with seniors at wellness fairs.

Duration: January 2000 - ongoing

**118**

Program Title:	<b>Falls Management Policy</b>
Contact Information:	Beth Harris Horizon Health Network <a href="mailto:beth.harris@horizonnb.ca">beth.harris@horizonnb.ca</a> (506) 357-4736 Veterans Health Unit 680 Priestman Street Fredericton New Brunswick E3B 3B7
Goals and Objectives:	To prevent serious falls and track falls within the organization.
Duration:	December 2008 - ongoing

**119**

Program Title:	<b>Falls Prevention in Acute &amp; Long Term Care and Community</b>
Contact Information:	Heather Oakley Horizon Health Network <a href="mailto:heather.oakley@horizonnb.ca">heather.oakley@horizonnb.ca</a> (506) 648-7303 130 Bayard Dr. Saint John New Brunswick E2L 3L6
Goals and Objectives:	Decrease the number of severe fall related injuries in hospital and LTC; Decrease the number of falls in community dwelling seniors.
Duration:	March 2000 - ongoing

**120**

Program Title:	<b>Falls Prevention-On Your Feet</b>
Contact Information:	Patty Black Ridgewood Veteran's Wing, Horizon Health <a href="mailto:Patricia.Black@HorizonNB.ca">Patricia.Black@HorizonNB.ca</a> (506) 635-2423 422 Bay Street Saint John New Brunswick E2L 4L2
Goals and Objectives:	To decrease falls by 20% in a 2 year period. To educate staff on the latest best practice initiatives. To make it a global initiative in our facility. (ie. include maintenance , kitchen , cleaning staff, admin staff, with clinical staff)
Duration:	April 2009 – ongoing

**121**

Program Title: **Implementation of Fall Prevention Strategy Saint John Zone, Horizon Health, NB**

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 Saint John Zone, Horizon Health, NB  
 dhollway@nb.sympatico.ca  
 (506) 849-0245  
 3014 Rothesay Rd,  
 Rothesay New Brunswick E2E 5V4

Goals and Objectives: 100% of staff in the Saint John Zone of Horizon participate in their role in fall prevention

Duration: December 2009 – ongoing

**122**

Program Title: **Indicators for Falls using Post Fall Data Collection**

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 Horizon Health Network, Saint John, NB  
 Sherry.Gionet@HorizonNB.ca  
 (506) 632-5404  
 St. Joseph's Hospital- GEM Unit  
 130 Bayard Dr.  
 Saint John New Brunswick E2L 3L6

Goals and Objectives: To reduce injuries from falls by 40%

Duration: January 2008 - ongoing

**123**

Program Title: **Looking at falls prevention strategies for in-patients and out-patient education**

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 Horizon Health Network  
 Cheryl.Taylor2@HorizonNB.ca  
 (506) 432-3159  
 Sussex Health Centre  
 75 Leonard Drive&  
 Sussex New Brunswick E4E 2P7

Goals and Objectives: Prevention of falls in acute care hospital setting

**124**

Program Title:

Contact Information:

**Nurse Manager**

Lise Savoie

Horizon Health Network Zone 1 Moncton

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(506) 857-5216

135 Ave MacBeath Ave

Moncton New Brunswick E1C 6Z8

Goals and Objectives:

We are in the process of establishing new goals and objectives.

Duration:

November 2007 - ongoing

**125**

Program Title:

**Senior Wellness Week**

Contact Information:

Ann Hogan

NB Trauma Program

Ann.Hogan@HorizonNB.ca

(506) 648-6632

5D South, 400 University Ave, Box 2100

Saint John New Brunswick E2L 4L2

Goals and Objectives:

To increase awareness about falls and falls prevention in persons 65 years and older; To increase awareness of the services available for seniors in the community; To increase awareness about the changes as we age

Duration:

February 2000 - ongoing

## **NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR**

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**126**

Project Title:	<b>Bruno &amp; Alice Dinner Theatre: A Love Story about Seniors and Safety</b>
Contact Information:	Claudine Kean Dobbin Labrador-Glenfell Health <a href="mailto:claudine.keandobbin@lghealth.ca">claudine.keandobbin@lghealth.ca</a> (709) 944-9320 CWJM Hospital, 410 Booth Avenue Labrador City Newfoundland A2V 2K1 <a href="http://www.lghealth.ca">http://www.lghealth.ca</a>
Goals and Objectives:	The development of a regional health promotion package to promote the falls prevention dinner theatre titled “The Love Story of Bruno and Alice”, which focuses on the prevention of falls in seniors. The health promotion package is for use among community volunteers, groups, agencies, health professionals and others involved in promoting health among seniors. The project was developed in two phases. The first phase of the project involved the development of the dinner theatre play and script based upon the Health Canada (1999) document “Bruno and Alice: A love story in twelve parts about seniors and safety”. The second phase of the project entailed the development of a regional health promotion package to promote the initiative and support the work of others in the region that is dedicated to preventing injuries. The purpose of this health promotion initiative is to raise awareness among seniors of the specific environmental hazards around homes that contribute to falls and to identify strategies on how to deal with these risks in the home. Participating seniors will increase their awareness of the risks for falls, and be encouraged to make changes in their behavior and environments to promote safety.
Duration:	February 2008 – ongoing

**127**

Project Title:	<b>Community Support Falls Prevention Program</b>
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Goals and Objectives: Identify persons at risk for falls; preventative goal to help reduce the risks of falls; identify risk factors for the client.

Duration: October 2009 – ongoing

**128**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**Community Support Falls Prevention Program**

Scott Collins  
Western Regional Integrated Health Authority  
[scottcollins@westernhealth.nl.ca](mailto:scottcollins@westernhealth.nl.ca)  
(709) 637-2429  
Hammond Building, 169 West Valley Road  
Corner Brook Newfoundland A2H 2Y3  
<http://www.westernhealth.nl.ca>

Goals and Objectives: To reduce the risk of falls within the home environment of our clients who are either seniors, or folks who have a physical or intellectual disability

Duration: September 2009 - ongoing

**129**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**Community Support Fall Prevention Program**

Sandy Porter  
Western Health  
[sandyporter@westernhealth.ca](mailto:sandyporter@westernhealth.ca)  
(709) 637-2750  
Hammond Building, 169 West Valley Road  
Corner Brook Newfoundland A2H 2Y3  
[Http://www.westernhealth.nl.ca](http://www.westernhealth.nl.ca)

Goals and Objectives: To reduce the number of falls experienced by community support clients.

Duration: September 2006 - ongoing

**130**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**Fall Prevention Pilot Project**

Christa Sutton Ralph  
Eastern Health Long Term Care  
[Christa.suttonralph@easternhealth.ca](mailto:Christa.suttonralph@easternhealth.ca)  
(709) 570-2783  
146 Elizabeth Avenue  
St. John's Newfoundland A1B 1S5  
<http://www.easternhealth.ca>

Goals and Objectives: -identify risk factors associated with resident falls; -consistently apply definition of resident falls; -demonstrate an understanding of Fall prevention decision tree; -assess resident's risk for falls using the Morse scale.

Duration: February 2009 - ongoing

### **131**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

#### **Fall Prevention Program**

Sean Hillier

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(709) 643-8717

149 Montana Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Stephenville Newfoundland A2N 2T4

<http://www.westernhealth.nl.ca>

Goals and Objectives:

To reduce the risk of falls among the client population that is served by the community support program of Western Health. This would involve any clients that we would visit in a family home whom are in receipt of home support services, financial services, Behaviour management services, nursing services and Occupational Therapy services. This would be done through both an environmental assessment, screening tool indicator, and professional judgement that would help determine if there were any falls risk issues.

Duration:

October 2009 - ongoing

### **132**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

#### **Fall Risk Manual**

Joan Downey

[Joan.downey@easternhealth.ca](mailto:Joan.downey@easternhealth.ca)

(709) 777-7792

Southcott Hall Room 716

100 Forest Road, St. John's Newfoundland A1A 1E5

<http://www.easternhealth.ca>

Goals and Objectives:

The objectives of this manual are to assist healthcare professionals to: identify risk factors associated with patient falls; consistently apply the definition of patient falls; demonstrate an understanding of the Fall Prevention Decision Tree; assess patients' risk for falls utilizing the Morse Fall Scale; implement effective fall prevention strategies; assess patients after a fall; consistently report and record patient falls.

Duration:

March 2010 - ongoing

**133**

Project Title:  
Contact Information:

**Falls Prevention Steering Committee**

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125 Trans Canada Highway  
James Paton Memorial Regional Health Centre  
Gander Newfoundland A1V 1P7  
<http://www.centralhealth.nl.ca>

Goals and Objectives:

To institute evidence based practices for falls prevention in acute care, long term care and then community. To standardize the assessment tools, programming and the interventions throughout the continuum of care to reduce the rate of falls and rate of injury.

Duration:

November 2009 - ongoing

**134**

Project Title:  
Contact Information:

**Ice Salt Initiative**

Janice Field  
[Janice.field@easterhealth.ca](mailto:Janice.field@easterhealth.ca)  
(709) 752-4142  
PO Box 13122, St. John's Newfoundland A1B 4A4  
<http://www.easternhealth.ca>

Goals and Objectives:

Community awareness of falls risk; increase knowledge of falls prevention.

Duration:

January 2010 - ongoing

**135**

Project Title:  
Contact Information:

**Walking and Exercise Program for Seniors**

Joan Cranston  
Cottage Hospital Physiotherapy and Fitness  
[jcranston@nf.sympatico.ca](mailto:jcranston@nf.sympatico.ca)  
(709) 458-2120  
Box 192, Norris Point Newfoundland A0K 3V0

Goals and Objectives:

To provide seniors in the community with a safe indoor environment to walk and exercise under the supervision of a qualified professional.

Duration:

March 2009 – May 2009

## **NOVA SCOTIA**

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### **136**

Program Title: **Acadia Active Aging**  
Contact Information: Janet Mooney  
Acadia University  
[janet.mooney@acadiau.ca](mailto:janet.mooney@acadiau.ca)  
(902) 542-0938  
Box 439 Port Williams Nova Scotia B0P1T0

Goals and Objectives: Provide the inactive older adult with a comprehensive, supervised twice weekly exercise class in order to maintain independence through endurance and strength

Duration: September 2008 - ongoing

### **137**

Program Title: **Assistant Director of Nursing**  
Contact Information: Annette Howland  
Evergreen Home for Special Care  
[a.howland@evergreenhome.ns.ca](mailto:a.howland@evergreenhome.ns.ca)  
(902) 678-7355  
655 Park Street  
Kentville Nova Scotia B4N 3V7

Goals and Objectives: Assess all new admissions for risk of falls; re-evaluate after fall/new medication/change in status ; decrease number of falls ; inform all families of our falls program ; have logo to identify residents at risk for falls ; increase the awareness of falls/falls program ; have all staff/volunteers/families involved in program.

Duration: April 2010 - ongoing

### **138**

Program Title: **AVH Falls Prevention and Management Program**  
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Annapolis Valley Health  
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(902) 824-4973  
PO BOX 730, Soldiers Memorial Hospital  
462 Main Street Middleton Nova Scotia B0S 1P0

Goals and Objectives: The goal is to reduce the risk of injuries resulting from patient/resident/client falls through: 1. The creation and

implementation of a falls prevention strategy for AVH 2.  
The evaluation of the falls prevention strategy  
December 2009 - ongoing

**139**

Program Title:

Contact Information:

**Canadian Falls Prevention Curriculum**

Dana McNamara Morse

Anappolis Valley Health

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(902) 825-1095

452 Main StBbox 1599

Middleton Nova Scotia B0S1P0

Goals and Objectives:

To improve confidence and abilities of participants to institute, manage, and evaluate falls prevention programs in their community, organization or personal habits when dealing with falls.

Duration:

January 2010 - ongoing

**140**

Program Title:

Contact Information:

**Capital District health Authority Falls Prevention Initiative**

Patricia Bilski

Capital District health Authority

patricia.bilski@cdha.nshealth.ca

(902) 473-8656

Room 4318, 4th floor, CHVMB,

5955 Veterans' Memorial Lane

Halifax Nova Scotia B3H 2E1

Goals and Objectives:

To reduce risk of injuries resulting from patient/ client/ resident falls; To implement the Accreditation Canada ROP, "Implement and Evaluate a fall prevention strategy to minimize the impact of client falls".

Duration:

March 2010 - ongoing

**141**

Program Title:

Contact Information:

**Collaborative practice -community OT/PT complete initial assessment together.**

Wendy Stevens

Cape Breton District Health Authority

stevensw@cbdha.nshealth.ca

(902) 567-7749

1482 George Street, Sydney Nova Scotia B1P 1P3

Goals and Objectives: All clients are assessed by OT/PT on initial visit. Outcomes used –TUG, SAFER home, Falls risk identified, recommendations made on site and education onsite with f/u as required. Goal is to allow clients who have been paneled and awaiting placement to be maintained and safe at home, while await placement, etc. -to try to avert an admission to ED., and support caregivers -potentially lessen burnout.

Duration: April 2008 – ongoing

#### **142**

Program Title: **Community Fall Prevention**  
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VON Annapolis Valley  
[krista.laing@von.ca](mailto:krista.laing@von.ca)  
(902) 690-2107  
46 Chipman Drive  
Kentville Nova Scotia B4N 3V7  
<http://www.vonannapolisvalley.ca>

Goals and Objectives: To prevent falls while encouraging independent living at home.  
Duration: January 1997 - ongoing

#### **143**

Program Title: **Easy Movers Program / Hips and Knees Program**  
Contact Information: Margo Walsh-Leaman  
VON Queens County Site  
[margo.walsh-leaman@von.ca](mailto:margo.walsh-leaman@von.ca)  
(902) 354-3297  
PO Box 78, Liverpool Nova Scotia B0T 1K0  
<http://www.von.ca>

Goals and Objectives: To reduce/ prevent incidences of falls though increased physical activity.  
Duration: March 2003 - ongoing

#### **144**

Program Title: **Fall Prevention Initiative**  
Contact Information: Heather MacQueen  
Richmond Villa  
[heather.macqueen@richmondvilla.ca](mailto:heather.macqueen@richmondvilla.ca)  
(902) 535-3030  
9361 Pepperell St, P.O. Box 250

St. Peter's Nova Scotia BOE 3B0

Goals and Objectives: To reduce number of near miss's & falls  
Duration: Ongoing

**145**

Program Title: **Fall Risk Prevention**  
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South Cumberland Community Care Centre  
[anne.trottier@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:anne.trottier@ns.sympatico.ca)  
(902) 254-5406  
PO Box 489 Parrsboro Nova Scotia B0M 1S0

Goals and Objectives: Fall risk prevention.  
Duration: January 2009 - ongoing

**146**

Program Title: **Falls Prevention**  
Contact Information:  
Donna Arsenault  
Annapolis Valley District Health Authority  
[darsenault@avdha.nshealth.ca](mailto:darsenault@avdha.nshealth.ca)  
(902) 825-3411  
Soldiers Memorial Hospital, Box 730  
364 Main Street, Middleton Nova Scotia B0S 1P0

Goals and Objectives: "The goal of the AVH Falls Prevention and Management Program is to reduce the risk of injuries resulting from patient/resident/client falls through ;1.The creation and implementation of a falls prevention strategy for AVH ;2. The evaluation of the falls prevention strategy. The activities/strategies/deliverables include 1.Identification of our population at risk from falls in our service delivery areas 2.Identification of the specific needs and preventative strategies for the at risk population 3. Creation of policies to support the AVH Falls Prevention and Management Program 4.Creation and implementation of an education program for staff 5. Creation of information and education for patients and families. 6. Identification of tools and resources necessary to support a successful falls prevention program 7.Development and implementation of an evaluation framework, including identification, measurement and monitoring of program indicators"  
Duration: November 2009 – ongoing

**147**

Program Title:

Contact Information:

**Falls Prevention Coalition of HRM, Halifax NS**

Hilda Gmyz

Canadian Red Cross

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(902) 424-1474

133 Troop Avenue

Dartmouth Nova Scotia B3B 2A7

<http://www.redcross.ca>

Goals and Objectives:

To educate as many individuals as possible who will benefit from the 10 Simple exercise of the Home Support Exercise Program. and to continue to train the Red Cross Home Support Workers in NS

Duration:

March 2009 – ongoing

**148**

Program Title:

Contact Information:

**Falls Prevention committee**

Wilma Hahnen

Pictou County Health Authority

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(902) 485-2300

PO Box 1059 Pictou Nova Scotia BOK1SO

Goals and Objectives:

To monitor reported falls and to trend contributory factors. To recommend best practice initiatives to reduce falls and minimize injury. To educate staff in current fall prevention practices. To evaluate the fall prevention program and implement required initiatives

Duration:

October 2008 - ongoing

**149**

Program Title:

Contact Information:

**Falls Prevention Coordinator**

Lori Young

Colchester East Hants Health Authority

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(902) 893-5554

Colchester Regional Hospital Rehabilitation Services

207 Willow Street Truro Nova Scotia B2A 5A1

Goals and Objectives:

Overall: to help implement the falls prevention strategy created by the Falls Prevention Steering committee.

Specifically: goals are to increase the completion of a falls screen, decrease falls rates on medicine units, further

develop the falls strategy, network with other organizations, educate staff, family and patients on falls prevention strategy.

Duration: January 2010 – June 2010 (possibility of extension)

**150**

Program Title:

**Falls Prevention Project**

Contact Information:

Gloria Stewart

Canadian Red Cross

gloria.stewart@redcross.ca;ismael.aquino@redcross.ca

(902) 424-1425

133 Troop Avenue, Burnside Business Park

Dartmouth Nova Scotia B3B 2A7

<http://www.redcross.ca>

Goals and Objectives:

The goal of the Canadian Red Cross is to use a fridge magnet as a memory tool for clients who use our Health Equipment Loan Program. The magnet is designed with 4 tips on how to prevent falls from occur in the home. A pre survey and post survey is filled out by each client who has received the magnet. The results are to be completed with the tentative date of June 30/10.

Duration:

October 2009 – June 2010

**151**

Program Title:

**Falls Prevention Strategy**

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Michelle Blagdon

Capital District Health Authority

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(902) 473-8933

Office 7343 - Halifax Infirmary

1796 Summer St

Halifax Nova Scotia B3H 3A7

Goals and Objectives:

Decrease the number of falls and fall related injury

Duration:

March 2010 - ongoing

**152**

Program Title:

**Fit as a Fiddle**

Contact Information:

Wendy-Lee Hamilton

Annapolis Valley District Health Authority

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(902) 542-0939

23 Earncliffe Ave, Wolfville Nova Scotia B4P 1X4

<http://wdhaintranet.swndha.nshealth.ca/AVDHA/Pages/default.aspx>

Goals and Objectives: 8 week fitness & health education program for community dwelling seniors. Each week has two 1 hour fitness class and one 30min education component; Registration includes a TUG (6m), Fast self paced walk (80m), one legged balance, sit to stand test, and a Vitality Plus Scale which are all repeated at the end of the 8 weeks for evaluation purposes. Fitness Leaders are SFIC certified and education component follows the Get Fit for Active Living manual (CCAA)

Duration: October 1999 - ongoing

**153**

Program Title: **Gasha Fall Prevention Program (Guysborough Antigonish Strait Health Authority)**

Contact Information: Rose Richardson  
Eastern Memorial Hospital  
rrichardson@gasha.nshealth.ca  
(902) 366-2794  
PO Box 10, Canso Nova Scotia B0H 1H0

Goals and Objectives: To have every admitted and observation patients have a fall prevention assessment completed; To assess our program after 2 years of implementation; To educate staff on a yearly basis; To review statistical data for trends, changes, and to determine needed care changes.

Duration: April 2008 – ongoing

**154**

Program Title: **GDH Falls Clinic**

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geriatric day hospital,QE II  
MUNROEA@cdha.nshealth.ca  
(902) 473-2494  
GDH,VMB, 5955 Veteran's Memorial Lane  
Halifax Nova Scotia B3Z 1A9

Goals and Objectives: Multidisciplinary approach for fall prevention with frail elderly community dwellers.

Duration: September 2005 – ongoing

**155**

Program Title: **Geriatric Day Hospital & Falls Clinic**

Contact Information: Ann Nelson  
Capital Health  
anelson@eastlink.ca  
(902) 876-8741  
15 Silver Birch Drive  
Hubley Nova Scotia B3Z 1A9  
<http://www.cdha.nshealth.ca/default.aspx?Page=SubPage&category.Categories.1=95&centerContent.Id.0=13665>

Goals and Objectives: To maintain seniors living safely at home; To rehabilitate balance & mobility after fall; To educate about the importance of fall prevention strategies.  
Duration: January 2003 – ongoing

### **156**

Program Title: **Grandparents International Storytellers**  
Contact Information: Carol Anne Boudreau  
Grandparents International Storytellers  
carolamb@eastlink.ca  
(902) 679-0626  
22 Highbury School Rd  
New Minas Nova Scotia B4N4K1

Goals and Objectives: 1/to give voice to elder adults(seniors; 2/that their life has meaning regardless of education, social/financial status; 3/that they are indeed supported by peers.  
Duration: September 2002

### **157**

Program Title: **Health equipment loan program**  
Contact Information: Katheryn Pelly  
Canadian Red Cross  
katheryn.pelly@redcross.ca  
(902) 863-1763  
36 market St  
Antigonish Nova Scotia B2G 3B4

Goals and Objectives: Health equipment loan program.  
Duration: Ongoing

### **158**

Program Title: **Healthy Living for Seniors Program**  
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VON cape Breton Metro

cheryl.macquarrie@von.ca  
(902) 564-0736  
380 Kings Rd. suite 5 Moxham Court  
Sydney Nova Scotia B1S 1A8  
<http://www.von.ca>

Goals and Objectives: We use the falls prevention tool kit developed by preventing falls together to teach seniors how to avoid falls in the home

Duration: January 2010 – ongoing

**159**

Program Title: **Housing Programs - home repair/adaptation programs; new public housing projects for seniors and individuals with disabilities; renewal of existing senior public housing.**

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NS - Dept of Community Services (Housing)  
[kstewart@gov.ns.ca](mailto:kstewart@gov.ns.ca)  
(902) 424-2511  
NS-Dept. of Community Services, Housing Services  
5675 Spring Garden Road, P.O. Box 696  
Halifax Nova Scotia B3J 2T7  
<http://www.gov.ns.ca/coms/>

Goals and Objectives: - all part of creating/preserving affordable housing in NS;- grants/loans for home repairs and adaptations (eg could include installing bathroom & Bedroom on ground floor; widening bathroom doors, exterior ramps); key universal design standards in

Duration: December 2009 – December 2010

**160**

Program Title: **HSEP Coordinator**

Contact Information: Anne McNeil  
Capital District Health Authority  
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(902) 487-0625  
3825 Joseph Howe Dr  
Halifax Nova Scotia B3L 4R6

Goals and Objectives: To implement a home based exercise program to provide, through the services of Continuing Care, an opportunity to clients wishing to preserve or improve their level of

independence by reducing their risk of falls and of complications of chronic inactivity.

Duration: November 2009 – June 2010

**161**

Project Title:

**IWK Fall Prevention Committee**

Contact Information:

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IWK Health Centre  
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(902) 470-8401  
5850/5980 University Avenue, PO Box 9700,  
Halifax Nova Scotia B3K 6R9

Goals and Objectives:

1) To review current information, statistics, tools and strategies; 2) Identify the "at risk" population within the health centre; 3) Establish a clear definition of what constitutes a fall; 4) Develop and implement policies and tools for the assessment of a person's risk for falling; 5) Track quality indicators on falls and share information with staff for quality improvement initiatives; 6) Evaluate quality improvement initiatives.

Duration:

March 2008 - ongoing

**162**

Program Title:

**IWK Fall Prevention Working Group**

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IWK Health Centre  
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(902) 470-2720  
5850/5980 University Avenue  
PO Box 9700  
Halifax Nova Scotia B3K 6R8

Goals and Objectives:

1. more accurate occurrence reporting of falls; 2. decreased number of falls/near misses in our health center.

Duration:

April 2009 - ongoing

**163**

Program Title:

**Manager psycho geriatrics**

Contact Information:

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KRRC  
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(902) 538-3108

Box 686 Hantsport Nova Scotia B0P 1P0

Goals and Objectives:

Reduce fall rate

Duration:

October 2007 - ongoing

**164**

Program Title:

**Preventing Falls Together**

Contact Information:

Susan King

Community Links/Preventing Falls Together

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1 Oakland Drive, Sydney Nova Scotia B1L 1H1

<http://www.preventingfallstogether.ca>

Goals and Objectives:

To use a population health approach to develop and support regional falls prevention coalitions that work to change the policies, programs and procedures of member organizations and whose members will work together to develop and implement projects in the community to ultimately reduce the number of falls and fall-related injuries among Nova Scotian seniors.

Duration:

Ongoing to March 2011

**165**

Program Title:

**Preventing Falls Together**

Contact Information:

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VON Annapolis Valley

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(902) 665-4804

P.O. Box 97

Bridgetown Nova Scotia B0S1C0

Goals and Objectives:

To educate the community on the prevention of falls and the impact it can have both physically and mentally on those who do fall.

Duration:

September 2002 – ongoing

**166**

Program Title:

**Preventing Falls Together Coalition**

Contact Information:

Sheila Hoeg

VON Canada,Pictou County Site

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(902) 755-4524

Goals and Objectives: Preventing Falls Together helps volunteers and organizations work with seniors to prevent falls at home and in the community

Duration: January 2003 – March 2011

**167**

Program Title: **Preventing Falls Together Coalition**

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VON Antigonish  
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(902) 863-2547  
VON Antigonish, 65 Beech Hill Road  
Antigonish Nova Scotia B2G 2P9  
<http://www.von.ca>

Goals and Objectives: To prevent falls by seniors by promotion of fall safe practices by both individuals, at home and elsewhere, and the community.

Duration: February 2006 - ongoing

**168**

Program Title: **RAT TEAM**

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Goals and Objectives: -to prevent admission to acute care; -to discharge patients home from the Emergency with the safest discharge plan;  
-to follow up patient in the community for fall prevention and home safety assessment

Duration: October 2007 - ongoing

**169**

Program Title: **Reducing falls inside nursing home**

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Goals and Objectives: To reduce as many fall/near misses as possible  
Duration: April 2008 - ongoing

**170**

Program Title: **Seniors' Clinic**  
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Truro Nova Scotia B2N 4Z9  
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Goals and Objectives: To keep community dwelling seniors safe in their own homes.  
Duration: June 2007 - ongoing

**171**

Program Title: **Seniors Rapid Assessment Service**  
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Seniors Rapids Assessment Service  
Valley Regional Hospital - Emerg. Dept  
150 Exhibition Street, Kentville Nova Scotia B4N5E3  
[www.avhda.nshealth.ca](http://www.avhda.nshealth.ca)

Goals and Objectives: To reduce falls risk in elderly patients seen in the emergency department. To enable community seniors to live in the place they call home.  
Duration: May 2009 - ongoing

**172**

Program Title: **Seniors Rapid Assessment Service**  
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Newport Hants County Nova Scotia B0N 2A0

Goals and Objectives: To provide coordinated health care to seniors presenting to the emergency department at Valley Regional Hospital who are perceived to benefit from strategies that would improve or maintain their functional abilities and enable them to remain in the place identified as home.

Duration: June 2010 – ongoing

**173**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**South West Health Falls Prevention Program**

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60 Vancouver Street, Yarmouth Nova Scotia B5A 2P5

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Goals and Objectives: The Falls Prevention Program, under the management of Rehabilitation Services, serves the acute care and community populations in NS DHA 2. In 2008, Accreditation Canada prioritized falls prevention as one of its patient/ client safety goals. In 2007, the Government of Nova Scotia created a province-wide Injury Prevention Strategy that outlines their commitment to prevent fall-related injuries among Nova Scotians. South West Health is demonstrating its commitment to fulfill the requirements of Accreditation Canada and support the efforts of the Government of Nova Scotia by initiating a falls prevention program in the district.

Duration: July 2007 – ongoing

**174**

Program Title:

Contact Information:

**Strategic Planning**

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Goals and Objectives: Potential in the future to look at how to engage youth in falls prevention for the elderly in their community.

**175**

Program Title:

Contact Information:

**SWH Falls Prevention program**

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60 Vancouver Street

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Goals and Objectives:

To make falls prevention a role of all care providers and staff of SWH. To meet the standards of Accreditation Canada and to meet the safety expectations of the populations we serve.

Duration:

September 2008 - ongoing

**176**

Program Title:

Contact Information:

**Veteran's Falls management Programme**

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Physiotherapy Dep't

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<http://chdintracdha.nshealth.ca/index.cfm>

Goals and Objectives:

To educate staff re risks for falls and interventions to assist; to assess risk for falls in our veteran population and to implement interventions to aid in falls prevention

Duration:

January 2004 - ongoing

**177**

Program Title:

Contact Information:

**Veterans' Falls Management Program**

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Goals and Objectives:

"Veterans Services Falls Management Program Goals: 1. To implement a sustainable Falls Management Program that includes Veterans, staff and family members 2. To encourage an environment that reinforces least restraint policy 3. To identify those Veterans who are at risk for falling. 4. To decrease the fall rate (number of repeat fallers) and severity of injuries associated with falls at our long term care facility. 5. To decrease the incidence of mortality related to a recent fall. Program Objectives: 1. To educate all Veterans, families and staff about the Falls Management Program 2. To educate all staff about the risks and multi-factor causes of falls in older adults 3. To initiate both protective and preventative fall intervention strategies 4. To flag which Veterans are at high risk of falling through the use of the Fall Risk Tool 5. To perform a comprehensive post fall assessment when necessary so that the interdisciplinary team is able to explore possible underlying causes of Veteran falls 6. To monitor the fall rate for Veterans Services and to evaluate the efficacy of the program under the leadership of the Falls Committee 7. To encourage each unit's interdisciplinary team to assume the responsibility for the safety and well being of their Veterans by actively participating in the Falls Management Program. "

Duration:

September 2004 - ongoing

**178**

Program Title:

**West Hants/Cobequid Preventing Falls Together Coalition**

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Seniors Safety Program of Hants County  
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Nova Scotia

Goals and Objectives:

To bring awareness of the hazards of falls and how to make your home (inside and out) safer so as to prevent falls

Duration:

June 1992 – ongoing

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**179**

Project Title:

**A Step Ahead to Falls Prevention - Training Program for Health and Allied Health Care Providers**

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Goals and Objectives:

Goal: To increase knowledge, skills, and awareness about factors that impact the risk of falling in older adults.

Objectives: participants will understand: age related physical changes that may contribute to the risk of falling; how ageism, learned helplessness, and personal attitudes may affect older adults and the caregiver relationship; risk factors for falls; changing behaviour through supportive coaching.

Duration:

June 2008 - ongoing

**180**

Project Title:

**Accessibility Resource Centre**

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Simcoe County Association for the Physically Disabled

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Goals and Objectives:

To offer information and guidance to seniors and those w physical disabilities when looking for assistive devices, home renovations and vehicle modifications.

Duration:

July 2008 – ongoing

**181**

Project Title:

**Age-Friendly Communities**

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Goals and Objectives:	Keep seniors healthy and well as they age -recognize strengths and barriers in the community based on the 8 key features identified by the WHO -create key priority areas for seniors -produce a practical tool for decision makers
Duration:	March 2009 - ongoing

**182**

Project Title:	<b>Back Education and Falls Prevention</b>
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Goals and Objectives:	To educate Personal Support Workers regarding their risks for falls and to identify same in their community clients. Provide intervention strategies.
Duration:	January 2008 – ongoing

**183**

Project Title:	<b>Bathtub/shower grab bar building code proposal</b>
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Goals and Objectives:	To support development and acceptance of an evidence based bathtub/shower building code for new dwellings in the national building code. To involve health care, injury prevention sectors as well as homeowner, consumer safety and other stakeholder sectors in support of the building code.
Duration:	February 2006 - ongoing

**184**

Project Title:	<b>CHNET-Works! Fireside Chats</b>
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Goals and Objectives: To support a networking infrastructure for community health professionals, linking researchers, practitioners and decision makers - to share leading edge research and application and to support discussion and mobilization around pressing community health issues.

Duration: January 2005 - ongoing

**185**

Project Title: **Coordinator VON SMART Program**  
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<http://www.von.ca>

Goals and Objectives: The purpose of the VON exercise program is to improve strength, mobility, balance and flexibility for fall prevention and to assist with maintaining independence at home.

Duration: March 2003 - ongoing

**186**

Project Title: **Don't Fall For It!**  
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Goals and Objectives: Increase strength, improve balance, educate how fitness can decrease falls

Duration: January 2010 – March 2010

**187**

Project Title: **Fall Prevention**  
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Duration: Ongoing

**188**

Project Title:

**Fall Prevention Program**

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North Bay Ontario P1B 5A4.

Goals and Objectives:

Reduction in the severity and number of fall incidents by 15%, one year post implementation. Increased awareness of patient safety.

Duration: December 2009 – ongoing

**189**

Project Title:

**Fall Prevention Program**

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<http://www.ccey.org>

Goals and Objectives:

Interprofessional approach to fall prevention including promotion, education, exercise, nutrition programs, and identification and modification of risk factors.

Duration: September 2008 – ongoing

**190**

Project Title:

**Falls Intervention Team (FIT)**

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Goals and Objectives: Goal-to reduce the incidence and consequences of falls for frail, community-dwelling seniors 65 years and over.  
Objectives- decrease # and/or degree of modifiable risk factors for falls in participants as compared with pre-admission status, increase social participation, adhere to exercise program, reduce falls as compared with pre-admission status

Duration: March 2001 - ongoing

### **191**

Project Title: **Falls Prevention through exercise**

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Goals and Objectives: To save money for healthcare. To prevent falls in seniors by improving their strength, flexibility and balance through exercise. To improve ADL'S. To improve quality of life

Duration: January 2010 - ongoing

### **192**

Project Title: **Falls Prevention**

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Goals and Objectives: Reduce the incidence and severity of falls. Provide ongoing assessment to identify patients at risk of falls for the development of a falls prevention plan of care. Maintain environmental safety. Increase mobility and function. Promote patient independence utilizing least restraint. Heighten staff and patient/family awareness of the risks of falls and of the potential physical and/or psychological effects of falls. Provide patients with tips to promote safety in Hospital and in their home environment to further ensure their safety and recovery.

Duration: December 2009 - ongoing

**193**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**Falls Prevention for seniors**

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Timmins, Ontario P4N 8B7

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Decrease injuries/deaths related falls in the elderly population and increase independence.

Goals and Objectives:

Duration:

January 2000 - ongoing

**194**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**Falls prevention program**

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Northeast mental health centre 4700 Hwy 11

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Goals and Objectives:

Patient safety, utilizing a falls assessment tool to be used on admission and reviewed if change in status, or after a fall to assess needs, so that patients are identified for their risk of falls, and interventions can be put in place such as high/low bed, better footwear, or medication changes and therefore have less falls in our hospital.

Duration:

November 2009 - ongoing

**195**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**Falls Prevention Program**

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Manager of Clinical Standards Cassellholme

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Goals and Objectives:

Reduce resident falls by 10% Staff awareness/education development of a "Champions" committee

Duration:

January 2007 - ongoing

**196**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**Falls Prevention Referral Program**

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Goals and Objectives:

"Carol Browne, The Seniors Health Nurse at the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team (HHFHT) will act as the Co-ordinator for this program. The steps involved with the program include:.. 1. Referral forms will be distributed throughout Haliburton County. With these forms, community members and health care workers will have the opportunity to assist a senior who has fallen or may be at risk of falling, by obtaining consent and completing a referral form.. 2. The referral form will be faxed or phoned in to the HHFHT.. 3. The co-ordinator will complete an assessment and referral form by telephone and will develop an action plan.. 4. Based on the assessment and with the client's consent, the nurse will fax the action plan to the appropriate service providers.. 5. An information package will be distributed by the OT/PT or will be sent directly to the client and/or caregiver.. 6. The service providers will report back to the co-ordinator at the HHFHT in order to update the client's file regarding all services provided.. 7. The co-ordinator will follow-up with the client as to satisfaction, needs and status.. 8. The co-ordinator will complete a summary form and fax it to the client's primary care practitioner.. 9. The co-ordinator will gather statistical information and share with community partners on a quarterly basis. "

Duration:

June 2008 - ongoing

**197**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**Falls Risk Screen**

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Goals and Objectives: To identify falls risk factors (from a functional stand point) in community dwelling seniors. Provide education (targeted to specific risk factors in each client) re:falls prevention strategies. Determine percentage of clientele implementing strategies and percentage of strategies being implemented in clientele.

Duration: September 2009 - ongoing

**198**

Project Title: **Grey Bruce Falls Prevention & Intervention Program**  
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Goals and Objectives: The Grey Bruce Falls Prevention & Intervention Program is a comprehensive program consisting of five components and three risk levels. The purpose of the program is to address the needs of seniors who are at various risk levels of falling - low, to moderate and high risk through an integrated system of services within Grey Bruce based on a continuum of evidence based initiatives. The program is funded through the Aging at Home Strategy.

Duration: April 2008 - ongoing

**199**

Project Title: **Healthy Aging Program**  
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<http://www.wpsc.com>

Goals and Objectives: Through education and exercise in a group format the goal is to improve awareness of safety issues, improve strength and balance and prevent falls.

Duration: November 2008 - ongoing

**200**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**High End Balance Program**

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Goals and Objectives:

Involve independently ambulating residents and those at mid-high risk of falls,-reduce falls incidence,-increase resident awareness of measures to prevent falls

Duration:

January 2010 - ongoing

**201**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**Home At Last**

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Goals and Objectives:

When we bring home the client from hospital, our PSW does a safety scan of the home. This includes a fall and medication safety review. This alerts program to any potential safety concerns.

Duration:

July 2008 – ongoing

**202**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**Home Support Exercise Program**

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Goals and Objectives:

To prevent falls of the frail elderly. To decrease hospitalizations related to falls.

Duration:

December 2009 – December 2010

**203**

Project Title:	<b>Home Support Exercise Program</b>
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Goals and Objectives:	Decrease risk of falls in elderly clients at home in a community setting. Enhance quality of life and increase activity of seniors
Duration:	November 2009 - ongoing

**204**

Project Title:	<b>Home Support Exercise Program</b>
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Goals and Objectives:	To prevent falls, returns to emerg, improve ambulation
Duration:	October 2008 - ongoing

**205**

Project Title:	<b>Home support Exercise Program</b>
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Goals and Objectives:	The exercise program is comprised of ten simple, yet progressive exercises, designed to enhance and maintain functional fitness, mobility and independence.
Duration:	January 2010 - ongoing

**206**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**Home Visit to Older Adults at High Risk of Falling**

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Goals and Objectives:

Provide an accessible in-home option for community-dwelling seniors at high risk of falling to receive a multidimensional risk assessment, preventive health education and referral to community supports and resources

Duration:

March 2003 - ongoing

**207**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**HSEP**

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Goals and Objectives:

To assist the CCAC in reducing falls in sedentary elderly in Burlington by servicing our program participants by instruction/participation in the HSEP

Duration:

December 2009 – March 2010

**208**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**Injury Prevention Forum**

Jayne Morrish

Ontario Injury Prevention Resource Centre

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(905) 325-2963

Goals and Objectives:

Provide opportunities for networking with colleagues. Provide current injury prevention information. Provide mobilization strategies on injury policy issues..

Duration:

September 2009 – March 2010

**209**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**Integrated Regional Falls Program**

Marsha Coombs: Program Manager

Integrated Regional Falls Program  
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(705) 325-2201  
Orillia Soldiers Memorial Hospital 170 Colborne St West  
Orillia, Ontario L3V 2Z3

Goals and Objectives: Community based program that provides screening and interventions to reduce falls and the risks of falls to the seniors population across the North Simcoe Muskoka LHIN. Program includes ER support nurses to follow-up on falls from the ER screening clinics in communities and specialized assessment clinics for more complexed patients.

Duration: March 2010 - ongoing

**210**

Project Title: **La prevention des chutes chez les personnes aes francophones vivant en situation minoritaire au Canada**

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Goals and Objectives: Invoice, evaluate, adapt and promote programs that could better answer the needs of practitioners working with francophone seniors in minority linguistic situations

Duration: November 2009 - ongoing

**211**

Project Title: **Mississauga Halton Falls Prevention Initiative**

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Goals and Objectives: Reduce falls and falls related injuries in older adults.  
Reduce the rate of emergency department visits, hospitalizations, and long term care admissions among seniors in the Mississauga Halton LHIN.

Duration: January 2007 - ongoing

**212**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**No Falls Fashion Show**

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Goals and Objectives:

Increase awareness of 1) fall prevention strategies 2) safety aids 3) community programs and services. Increase use of 1) safety aids 2) community programs and services.

Increased personal action to prevent falls

Duration:

January 2007 – ongoing

**213**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**Ongoing risk assessment in client's home**

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Goals and Objectives:

To prevent risk to clients and volunteers who visit them

Duration:

Ongoing

**214**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**Physically Supportive Program**

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Mississauga, Ontario L5M 0M5

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Goals and Objectives:

reduce falls, increase independence through individualized strength and balance supportive therapeutic programs.

Create a short term solution for those awaiting long term rehab solutions to prevent further deterioration and decline in abilities.

Duration:

November 2009 – ongoing

**215**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**Reducing the Risk For Falls: Review, Revise & Strategize**

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<http://www.bing.com/search?FORM=DNSAS&q=www.the+ottawahospital.on.ca>

Goals and Objectives:

1. Review and update the scholarly discussions of fall risk reduction and fall risk programs for use in acute care. Update literature composite review annually and as required. 2. Review and revise the current risk assessment tool, interventions and recommendations that support evidenced informed best practices as appropriate. 3. Support the Fall Risk Reduction Program at TOH. 4. Collaborate with Nursing Professional Practice, Nursing Quality and Best Practices Workgroup to: Develop appropriate TOH fall benchmarks for acute care and specialty populations (e.g., Rehabilitation and transitional care). Develop appropriate monitoring practices and prevalence studies. Review and disseminate results of prevalence studies and benchmarks. Support on-unit monitoring strategies. Support implementation of recommendations as a result of prevalence studies and research

Duration:

January 1992 - ongoing

**216**

Project Title:

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**Sault Rising Stars Seniors Acting Troupe**

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Goals and Objectives:

To increase awareness of the risks of falls and how to prevent them through the delivery of light hearted vignettes by older adults.

Duration:

December 2005 – ongoing

**217**

Project Title: **Senior Safekeeping**  
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Goals and Objectives: To help seniors stay in their homes, independently, for as long as possible with good quality of life.

Duration: June 2008 – ongoing

**218**

Project Title: **Seniors Choices**  
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Goals and Objectives: Providing presentations and written material on Conventional and Para transportation services available in Ottawa. . To ensure seniors, families and caregivers are aware of all the available options and what to consider before choosing the most appropriate type of transportation. . Make tools such as Priority Seating Cards so that the person can sit at the front of the bus as well as the Attendant Card so that the customer can bring someone to assist them at no charge. Others tools are also available

Duration: September 2003 - ongoing

**219**

Project Title: **Seniors Program**  
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Goals and Objectives: Train the trainer; build awareness; reduce incidence of falls

Duration: Ongoing

**220**

Project Title:

**Senior's symposium**

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Goals and Objectives:

A symposium was developed where seniors living in the community would attend and learn about all the resources, assistance, and organizations within the Espanola area. They had a chance to listen to seminars of seniors driving, and fire prevention. A exercise break was also included.

Duration:

October 2009

**221**

Project Title:

**Simply Safer is Simply Smarter**

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Goals and Objectives:

To promote the inclusion of upgraded/enhanced safety features in new home builds or renovations which will reduce the risk of falling and improve safety for all ages

March 2010 - ongoing

**222**

Project Title:

**SMART**

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Goals and Objectives:

Build up the mobility and balance of frail elderly in their homes.

Duration:

September 2008 - ongoing

**223**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**SMART & collaborative with multi agency group**

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Goals and Objectives:

To improve the strength and mobility of frail elderly in their homes and thus reduce their falls.

Duration:

September 2008 – March 2010

**224**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**SMART (Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together)**

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Goals and Objectives:

SMART is geared toward frail seniors. Our program's goal is for seniors to become more active and participate in exercise to prevent falls. If this goal is achieved then seniors will become stronger, have better range of motion, flexibility, strength and endurance and they will be less likely to fall and less likely to get injured as a result of a fall.

Duration:

August 2008 – ongoing

**225**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**SMART (Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together)**

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Goals and Objectives:

Designed for community members 55+ to maintain/improve their strength, mobility, balance and flexibility regardless of their current ability level.

Duration:

January 2010 - ongoing

**226**

Project Title:	<b>SMART (Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together) Exercise Program</b>
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Goals and Objectives:	The SMART Exercise Program is designed for community members 55+ who wish to improve their strength, balance and flexibility regardless of their current ability level. SMART programs are led by volunteers who receive specialized training (including CPR & First Aid) and ongoing education to deliver safe, appropriate physical activities designed for successful aging. The SMART In-Home and Group classes are for participants who may not benefit from traditional physical activity programs due to health issues, mobility restrictions, confidence, chronic disease or other reasons. There is no floor or mat work involved and all activities are tailored to the participant's ability level. Benefits to participation include: Improved physical health and energy; Increase and maintain strength, coordination, balance and flexibility; Improved lung and heart function; Decreased bone loss; Improved mobility and independence; Weight management; Falls prevention; Opportunities to meet new people and socialize. Increased physical activity can help prevent or manage: High blood pressure; Cholesterol; Respiratory Conditions; Heart Disease; Stroke; Diabetes; Arthritis; Osteoporosis; Cancer; Obesity; Stress.
Duration:	July 2008 - ongoing

**227**

Project Title:	<b>SMART Exercise</b>
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Goals and Objectives:	Improve balance and range of motion through regular exercise

**228**

Project Title:  
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**Smart Moves**  
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Goals and Objectives:

A toolkit for seniors and their caregivers to provide in a single source the best evidence-based tools and information about preventing falls and injury under headings of bone health, exercise, home hazards, medication use, and first response to falls.

Duration:

January 2004 – ongoing

**229**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**Smart Moves for Fall Prevention- education sessions for PSWs**  
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Goals and Objectives:

Increase Personal Support Workers' (PSWs) knowledge of clients' risk factors for falls. Increase awareness of PSW role in fall prevention for clients. Increase action taken by PSWs to prevent falls among clients

Duration:

August 2009 – ongoing

**230**

Project Title:  
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**SMART program**  
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Goals and Objectives: Improving strength, balance, flexibility and endurance in seniors to ensure mobility is safer and independence is maintained.

Duration: January 2006 - ongoing

### **231**

Project Title:

**SMART Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together**

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Goals and Objectives: Improve strength, balance and flexibility regardless of ability levels. Fall prevention. Maintain independence to remain at home.

Duration: February 2006 - ongoing

### **232**

Project Title:

**Stand Up - PIED (Montreal Public Health)**

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Goals and Objectives: To improve balance, leg strength, ankle mobility & stimulate lower limb proprioception.

Duration: January 2009 - ongoing

### **233**

Project Title:

**Stand Up! Program**

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Goals and Objectives: The group exercise program consists of two sessions per week for 12 weeks, including one 30 minute education session per week and exercises to continue at home. All

exercises meet at least one of the following objectives-improve balance, increase leg strength, improve ankle mobility, stimulate lower limb proprioception, maintain bone density where there is risk of fractures, and improve the ability to get up from the ground.

Duration: February 2010 - ongoing

**234**

Project Title:

**Stay at Home Strategy**

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Goals and Objectives:

To increase strength, balance and flexibility of local seniors to decrease amount of emergency room visits and fall related injuries that also contribute to nursing home admissions

Duration:

January 2010 - ongoing

**235**

Project Title:

**Stay on Your Feet**

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Goals and Objectives:

The goal of SOYF is to promote a community-based falls prevention program involving a multidimensional strategy from awareness building to specific programming and policy development.

Duration:

**236**

Project Title:

**STAY ON YOUR FEET**

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Goals and Objectives: The SOYF program is now being developed as a Practice evidence based with resources developed with a 5 year work plan developed by the Health Unit and an active coalition involved with an evaluation component - other components are being built into the initiative.

Duration: April 2007 - ongoing

### **237**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**Stay On Your Feet Parry Sound**

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Goals and Objectives: To decrease the number of falls, to reduce the severity of injury and to prevent deaths related to falls in the Parry Sound area for older adults. To maintain and develop the Stay On Your Feet Parry Sound Working Group to provide a venue for all partners to meet and strategize towards the development of falls prevention programs unique to our area. To support a coordinated approach to falls prevention activities. To provide a mechanism for joint falls prevention initiatives and priority setting that integrates and strengthens existing programs and services in the Parry Sound area. To promote the work of the group and create community awareness about fall risks, prevention strategies and available programs and services. To coordinate the dissemination of new information and provide opportunities for professional development for members and community health professionals working with the target population. To seek out and secure funding sources as required.

Duration: April 2009 - ongoing

### **238**

Project Title:

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**Staying Independent**

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Goals and Objectives: It is program wide, not sure of all the research pieces that is focused in the Barrie region  
Duration: January 2008 - ongoing

**239**

Project Title: **Strong and Steady, Falls Prevention Program**

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Goals and Objectives: Provide information re risk factors to increase safe environment Increase regular walking Increase safe mobility practices, strength and balance. Decrease number of falls in program participants Increase awareness of community options to be active Increase confidence and increase adherence to patient activity centred goals Increase knowledge of personal fall prevention strategies. Empower clients to self manage their personal risk for falls Decrease falls in the community, admissions to emergency department and Long term care.

Duration: June 2006 - ongoing

**240**

Project Title: **Successfully Engaging Older Adults in Falls Preventing Activities**

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Goals and Objectives: 1) To translate best practice research for service providers delivering falls prevention services to community dwelling older adults. 2) to influence service providers to adopt the falls prevention recommendations put forth by the 'Prevention of Falls Network Europe' (ProFaNE), Lucy Yardley et al - endorsed by the WHO)in an effort to engage older adults in falls prevention interventions and to increase uptake of these programs . Namely these

recommendations include:. 3) to raise awareness in the general population that undertaking specific physical activities has the potential to improve balance and prevent falls. 4) When offering or publicizing fall prevention interventions, promote immediate benefits that fit with a positive self-identity for seniors. 5) utilize a variety of forms of social encouragement to engage older people in interventions. 6) Ensure that the intervention is designed to meet the needs, preferences and capabilities of the individual. 8) Encourage confidence in self-management rather than dependence on professionals by giving older people an active role.. 9) Draw on validated methods for promoting and assessing the processes that maintain adherence, especially in the longer term

Duration: January 2000 - ongoing

**241**

Project Title:

**Use of dual-task tests to identify fall risk in the cognitively impaired (MCI and mild AD) without a recent history of falling**

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Goals and Objectives:

Despite fall prevention guidelines, recommendations for the best screening method of people with cognitive impairment or no recent fall history are limited. Gait impairment is a prominent falls risk factor and among people without a history of falls the assessment of gait may offer the highest yield for screening people at an elevated risk. Cognitive function plays a key role in the regulation of gait and the use of dual-tasks (walking while talking), may be a sensitive method to identify early gait impairments. The objective was to characterize the risk of falling among older adults with different cognitive states and no recent history of falls

Duration:

December 2009 – August 2010

**242**

Project Title:

**Volunteers for Seniors**

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Goals and Objectives:

Goals: 1) To offer the Home Exercise Support Program to seniors in order to increase mobility, balance, strength and flexibility. 2) To increase independence, socialization, health and well-being of seniors. . Objectives: 1) To teach the Home Exercise Program to seniors in their homes and to follow up with 3 – 5 visits over 3 months, in order to monitor progress and to encourage the senior(s) to continue to do the exercises. 2) In each visit, to discuss benefits, promote and encourage seniors to continue doing the 10 simple exercises. 3) To further assess needs of seniors and to make appropriate referrals.

Duration:

March 2010 - ongoing

**243**

Project Title:

**VON Canada SMART (Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together) Program**

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Goals and Objectives:

Through In-Home and Group functional fitness, VON SMART helps reduce falls through improving the balance, strength, coordination and flexibility of program participants and peer leaders

Duration:

September 2002 - ongoing

**244**

Project Title:

**VON Sakura House- Hospice**

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Goals and Objectives:

Prevention of all falls for patients, families, visitors and staff

Duration:

September 2009 - ongoing

**245**

Project Title: **VON SMART**  
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Goals and Objectives: Improve balance, coordination, endurance and strength.  
Duration: October 2005 - ongoing

**246**

Project Title: **VON SMART Exercises -(Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together)**  
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Goals and Objectives: The goal is for seniors in the community to maintain their strength, flexibility, coordination and balance to prevent falls and maintain their independence.  
Duration: March 2003 – ongoing

**247**

Project Title: **VON SMART Program**  
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Goals and Objectives: VON goal is to promote regular exercise in a group or In-Home situation. All exercises are tailored to the group abilities. All exercises have been developed to maintain or increase strength, coordination, balance and flexibility. Group classes have a strong social component as well.  
Duration: June 2001 - ongoing

**248**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**VON SMART Program - exercise for seniors**

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Goals and Objectives:

Provide a means(exercise) for 55+ members of our communities to live independently in their own homes or chosen environment (retirement home) for as long as possible. Exercises focus on fall prevention and flexibility and strength to perform ADLs

Duration:

July 2006 – ongoing

**249**

Project Title:

Contact Information:

**VON SMART Seniors Exercise Program**

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Goals and Objectives:

Educate and hopefully improve/change attitude toward physical activity of 55+ population. Falls prevention. Extend period of independent living. Reduce ER visits. Decrease health dollars spent as the result of seniors and falls.

Duration:

June 2006 - ongoing

**250**

Project Title:

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**Wellness for Seniors**

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Goals and Objectives:

Get seniors active 1. Have community dwelling seniors participate in a variety of exercise programs that focus on

functional ability and are supportive to seniors abilities. 2. Provide education around chronic diseases and falls prevention through interactive education sessions and during participation in ongoing exercise programs3. Provide nutritional screening to community seniors

Duration: September 2008 - ongoing

## **251**

Project Title:

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**West End Integrated Falls Prevention Program**

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Goals and Objectives:

4-part program: 1/ Individual assessment and intervention for seniors who fall 2/ Best practice education for service providers 3/ Education and health promotion for seniors and caregivers 4/ Advocacy in the community on issues arising for this population as it relates to falls. Aims: to reduce the number of falls among those who receive service from the program. In the longer-term, to reduce the admissions to ED as a result of falls.

Duration:

January 2010 – March 2011

## **252**

Project Title:

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Goals and Objectives:

To link health care providers and the public to local falls prevention services, programs and resources. Can be accessed by calling 211 or visiting the website. Health Care providers and family will know where to access falls prevention information.

Duration:

October 2009 - ongoing

## **PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

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### **253**

Project Title: **Falls Management**  
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Goals and Objectives: Assess the risk of falls of each resident – then to put interventions into place to manage the risks. Overall goal is to reduce number of falls and the severity of injury from falls.

Duration: October 2009 - present

### **254**

Project Title: **Fall Prevention**  
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Goals and Objectives: OT services to people on the acute care units of the hospital, including fall prevention.

## **QUEBEC**

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**255**

Program Title:

**Continuum de services en prévention des chutes chez les aînés vivant à domicile - three fold continuum in fall prevention in the elderly living in the community**

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Goals and Objectives:

The goal is to set evidence-based practices in fall prevention within the services to elderly in the community and among professionals in both clinical settings and health promotion interventions. The objectives is to implement a 3 level multifactorial intervention program involving community Resources, Medical resources and Home Care resources in order to modify risk factors and maintain autonomy.

Duration:

January 2006 - ongoing

## **SASKATCHEWAN**

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### **256**

Project Title:

**College of Nursing Community Practicum**

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Goals and Objectives:

Collaboration between the NEPS program, Community practicum, College of Nursing, U of S, SHR - Community Therapies (OT, PT), Older Adult Wellness, Recreation Therapist, Forever...in motion, Nutritionist, ABI Education and Prevention Coordinator and senior's congregate housing 3 week NEPS community based practicum with a senior's housing facility. This includes a presentation by the Meri Misfits, in home falls risk assessment, individualized falls risk reduction plan, referrals made to appropriate resources, group education to participants by PT, OT, Nutrition, health fair, letter to physician.

Duration:

Ongoing

### **257**

Project Title:

**Cypress Health Region Falls Prevention**

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Goals and Objectives:

Community falls prevention: group falls prevention education sessions; wellness clinics for home care clients; home care clients fall prevention education and assistance. Acute Care Falls Prevention: on admission, clients are screened for fall risk - those most at riskk are housed in rooms closest to the nursing station and in beds with alarms. Fall prevention sessions are offered individually or in groups as appropriate. Outpatient Falls Prevention: clients who are deemed to be at risk of falling attend a group or individual education session. Long Term Care Falls Prevention: programs are being reviewed that would best meet the needs of LTC residents in the region.

Duration:

Ongoing

**258**

Project Title:  
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**Falls Prevention Program**

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Goals and Objectives:

Decrease the number of falls; decrease the number of fall related injuries. Fall risk assessments on all residents.  
Post-fall analysis.

Duration:

May 2008 - ongoing

**259**

Project Title:  
Contact Information:

**Five Hills Health Region Falls Prevention**

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Goals and Objectives:

Five Hills Health Region initiated an interdisciplinary team approach to seniors falls prevention in April 2005 utilizing an action team continuum of healthy seniors, at-risk seniors and seniors residing in long-term care. The vision is for a coordinated and collaborative approach to falls prevention for seniors 65+ residing in the region.

Duration:

April 2005 - ongoing

Goals and Objectives:

In motion is a community based health promotion strategy with a focus on physical activity for health benefits. In motion is a comprehensive approach that utilizes a partnership between the City of Saskatoon, University of Saskatchewan, Participation and the Saskatoon Health Region, public awareness, education and motivational strategies to encourage people to include regular physical activity in their daily lives. The older adult Forever...in motion initiative was established to focus on the issues that relate to older adults and physical activity. Developed in the Spring of 2002 as a pilot project, it now supports 56 Forever...in motion sites within the Saskatoon Health Region. These programs are located in senior's congregate housing, community and surrounding area. Most

Forever...in motion programs include endurance, strength and balance and flexibility components. Volunteer leaders are trained by a Sask Parks and Recreation Master trainer of Older Adult Fitness to lead safe physical activity programs for their participants. We plan to continue the program and have recently hired another Recreation Therapist to teach the leadership training and we plan to grow the program and incorporate specific balance exercises into existing programs in partnership with community physical therapy."

Duration: Ongoing

**260**

Project Title:

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**261**

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Goals and Objectives:

The Geriatric Day Program admits patients with a history of falls and high risk of falls, if they meet other criteria for admission to the program. Within this program, contributing falls risk factors are identified and appropriate interventions are commenced. Intervention as appropriate to ameliorate risk for falls in high-risk patients (multiple disciplines available: PT, OT, RN, SW, RT and Medicine, Pharm.) 14 Program will re-start beginning of September 2009, and a proposal to incorporate a more complete Falls Prevention "stream" within the Day Hospital has been proposed. This would include more formalized education, goal-setting and individualized training as well as the Interdisciplinary approach. Patients admitted to this stream would be medically stable, so the medical intervention would not need to be as intensive.

Duration: Ongoing

**262**

Project Title:

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Goals and Objectives:

Home Care Clients: All home care staff have been trained to perform the TUG test on all clients > 65years old, once per year or as status changes. Clients with a TUG score > 14 will be referred to the Therapy Department. A physical therapist/occupational therapist or physical therapy assistant, will complete a fall risk assessment profile in order to individualize a fall prevention program and help the client with goal setting. This is currently being initiated though out the region.

Fall Prevention Awareness: A seniors fall prevention booth to be set up at various community senior events, including wellness clinics. LPN's will complete a falls assessment profile, a home safety checklist and a TUG test on all willing participants. Appropriate referrals will be made, including to the fall prevention program in the Therapies department. This will be piloted in December 2009, and January 2010 in the communities of Beauval, Buffalo Narrows and Ile-a-la-Crosse.

Long Term Care:

We are in the process of developing a policy and procedure manual. Policies will include a physiotherapy assessment on all new admissions and a daily exercise program with all ambulatory residents. A daily exercise program focusing on balance and lower extremity strengthening will be offered to all ambulatory residents. This began in Ile-a-la-Crosse in November, 2009 and we would like to roll it out in La Loche LTC in January 2010.

Duration:

Ongoing

**263**

Project Title:

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Goals and Objectives:	Regional Blitz of Falls Prevention Education - to Seniors who live in Senior Housing complexes in the spring of 2009. Using the National Falls Curriculum, we produced a presentation and delivered to over 200 Seniors in our health region. At the time of presentation, we asked if they had fallen in the past and then summer students called these Seniors back and asked if they found the education helpful and whether they had fallen since the presentation. We have the kits set up now for further education and we will provide the same education to other areas within our health region into the future. Offered hip protectors to ambulatory long term care residents. We plan to offer this starting this fall but have to determine the outcome measures to use. We will pilot in one long term care facility and offer to others as need arises.
Duration:	Ongoing
<b>264</b>	
Project Title:	<b>Live Well with Chronic Conditions</b>
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Goals and Objectives:	The self management program was developed at Stanford University. Six - 2 1/2 hr. classes teach various aspects of healthy lifestyle information & group sharing including among other topics; the benefits of exercise for flexibility; balance; strength & endurance which of course helps to prevent falls.
Duration:	October 2008 - ongoing
<b>265</b>	
Project Title:	<b>Long Term Care Falls Prevention Program</b>
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Goals and Objectives: Ongoing education of facility staff regarding falls prevention.

Duration: September 2008 - ongoing

**266**

Project Title:

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**Maintaining Independence: Wellness and Fall Prevention Clinic**

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Goals and Objectives: Using a multifactorial, best-practice multidisciplinary team; provide assessment, education and intervention to older adult group regarding fall prevention and behaviour change.

Duration: May 2009 – January 2011

**267**

Project Title:

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**Mamawetan Churchill River Fall Prevention**

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Goals and Objectives: Long Term Care: Ongoing assessment and post fall analysis; Acute Care: fall risk assessment tool, falls standard care plan, falls logos and green wrist bands for at-risk for falls. Mental Health: process for identifying their population at risk for falls and appropriate interventions. Home Care: all clients on admission have a falls evaluation completed; ongoing client education, home safety checklists.

Duration: Ongoing

**268**

Project Title:

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Goals and Objectives: A Seniors Acting Group who present information on Falls Risks and Falls Injuries Prevention in the form of skits, monologues and songs to community-dwelling Seniors within the city of Saskatoon.

The Meri Misfits (the Saskatoon Senior Players) are a group of Seniors who like to act, sing, and clown around. Since February 2007 the Meri Misfits have done many performances around Saskatoon, performing to over 1200 Seniors mostly in Seniors' Residential Complexes. The Meri Misfits are currently promoting messages on Falls Risk Factors and Falls Injury Prevention. Since injuries from falls are a serious problem for Seniors, the group feels that Seniors will learn and remember more when the messages they present are done in a humorous and memorable way. The group creates much of their own material ... about Aging Gracefully ... writing new words to familiar songs, monologues and skits ... all based on their own life experiences with falling. The Meri Misfits will continue to present information on Falls Risks and Falls Injuries Prevention to community-dwelling Seniors primarily living in Seniors Residential complexes, within the city of Saskatoon.

Duration: Ongoing

## **269**

Project Title:

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**Older Adult Wellness**

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Goals and Objectives:

The Older Adult Wellness Program provides health education and community consultation to community dwelling older adults. The program nurses (2) work together within a multi disciplinary consortium of falls injury prevention health care/research practitioners. Health promotion activites include community presentations to seniors groups, written articles in local newspapers, displays at health care conferences and events for seniors, partnerships with others in delivering

programs to seniors, consultants to community and health care committees. We are members of the Saskatchewan Falls Injury Prevention Strategy Steering committee which developed the provincial falls injury prevention strategy. One nurse is a trained facilitator for the Canadian Falls Prevention Curriculum providing training sessions twice yearly.

Duration: September 2001 - ongoing

## **270**

Project Title:

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Goals and Objectives:

- o Osteoporosis Health Knowledge programs are available for delivery to community groups through our Speaker's Bureau.
- o Self-help Support Groups for individuals living with osteoporosis also use information from this health knowledge program. In addition, Support Groups hear presentations from doctors, pharmacists, nutritionists, physiotherapists, professionals from pain clinics, and others.
- o Support for physicians in Saskatchewan is available through a written document called "Clinical Practice Guidelines" (prepared by the Osteoporosis Canada's Scientific Advisory Council.)
- o A small information resource office, of the Saskatoon Chapter, has opened in Market Mall in Saskatoon.
- o The Saskatoon Chapter is currently involved in advocacy for prevention, early identification, management and follow-up with Government and other provincial agencies.

Duration: Ongoing

## **271**

Project Title:

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Goals and Objectives:

PAPHR Steering Committee – The purpose of the Committee is to reduce falls among seniors in the Region. The steering committee recognized that there are four distinct areas within health care that need to be concerned with prevention of falls in seniors and therefore formed four falls prevention working groups under the PAPHR Seniors' Falls Prevention Steering Committee:

- Acute Care; · Long term care; · Home Care; and · and Community Have identified the following steps to be taken in the development of a falls prevention program that spans the four identified areas:
- Development of a policy/ procedure for PAPHR that shows commitment to a falls prevention strategy in the health region;
- Each area will develop policy/procedure to address falls prevention in their specific way;
- Development of education tools for staff in each area to point out the need for a Falls Prevention program;
- Development of education tools for well seniors in their own homes/ communities to prevent falls;
- Decide on assessment tools for those that are at risk of falling;
- Each area will develop interventions to reduce falls;
- A post fall follow up evaluation tool; and
- Evaluation of the program. Each of the four areas are at different stages of development in the falls program, but each area recognizes the need for program development and for ongoing sustainability of the program.

Duration:

Ongoing

## **272**

Project Title:

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Goals and Objectives:

Health Promotion presentations to community dwelling older adults which include Falls Injury Prevention, Osteoporosis and other health related topics. Displays at health fairs, newspaper article submissions to local Sunday Sun newspaper, participation in Saskatoon Falls Consortium and the Saskatchewan Falls Injury Prevention Strategy. The program is permanently funded.

Duration:

Ongoing

**273**

Project Title:

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Goals and Objectives:

Fall prevention programs and strategies for home care, acute care, long term care and community-based fall prevention.

Duration:

Ongoing

**274**

Project Title:

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**River Heights Lodge Fall Prevention Program**

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Goals and Objectives:

Membership-Nursing, Dietary, Occupational Therapy, Housekeeping, Physiotherapy, Pharmacy, Administration, Resident (and family). Goal: to reduce/eliminate falling for the resident at highest risk of falling.

Duration:

November 2007 - ongoing

**275**

Project Title:

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Goals and Objectives:

The Saskatoon Falls Prevention Consortium comprises a group of individuals representing about 25 public and private health-related agencies, within and outside of the City of Saskatoon, whose mission is to work together in a collaborative partnership to plan, implement, and evaluate a coordinated and comprehensive strategy to reduce fall-related injuries in Seniors. The Consortium meets 4-6

times per year providing a forum for discussion of issues of interest related to Falls, and the development and implementation of strategies to increase Falls Prevention Awareness and Falls Management Services within and outside of the City of Saskatoon. In conjunction with Consortium activities, individual members and member agencies have incorporated their own programs or projects into their professional practice, for example: by providing enhanced resource materials for clients (Community Therapies); referring clients to the Geriatric Assessment Program for access to the Falls Clinic (Home Care), using information to assist communities in other health regions; to develop falls prevention initiatives and programs (ABI Outreach Team, Education and Injury Prevention Coordinator). The Saskatoon Falls Prevention Consortium has met regularly since its inception in September 2002. It invites other agencies, both public and private, from other regions in the Province of Saskatchewan to participate in partnership with us in achieving our goal to reduce the incidence and severity of Fall Injuries among Saskatoon Seniors by 20% within the next decade.

Duration:

Ongoing

**276**

Project Title:

**School of Physical Therapy - Fall Prevention Research**

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Goals and Objectives:

Current funded projects include: the relationship of muscle strength and power to performance on the 30-second chair stand in older adults and the effect of core stability training on fall risk factors in older adults. Research interests include assessing outcome measures, effect of intervention programs and factors affecting fall risk. Research is ongoing.

Duration:

Ongoing

**277**

Project Title:

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**Seniors on the Move**

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Goals and Objectives:

Seniors On the Move – Injury Prevention Clinic (A Multidisciplinary Health Fair format)

· Seniors were registered, filled in a pre-clinic questionnaire, were provided with a “Personal Plan” booklet, and then visited the different stations. After they were asked to fill in a post-clinic questionnaire, and had their names put in for a door prize. 4 – 6 weeks later, they were contacted by telephone for a follow up.

· A number of mini-consultations were offered at the clinic:

o Assess your risk of falling by taking a “Timed Up and Go (TUGs)” test from a Therapy Aid.

o Have a nurse take your blood pressure, do a spot blood sugar or talk with you about general medical questions.

o Talk with Home Care representatives about available equipment, services available and home assessments.

o Conduct a review of your medications with a pharmacist.

o Find out about home assessments, adaptations and individualized aids from an Occupational Therapist.

o Talk with a Physical Therapist about exercise, mobility, strength and balance.

o Find out more about “Active Living” as a senior—e.g.: the Canada Physical Activity Guide.

o Discuss foot care and footwear with the podiatry team.

o Talk with a Nutritionist or Dietitian about the new Canada Food Guide, proper nutrition and effects of improper nutrition, like osteoporosis.

· 2 Clinics were offered in Rosetown, and 1 in Biggar.

· Focus on education, risk identification and minimization, and familiarizing seniors with available resources in their community.

Community Therapy program plans to continue coordinating clinics such as this around the health region as able."

Duration:

Ongoing

**278**

Project Title:

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**Staying on Your Feet**

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Goals and Objectives:

A collaboration between Forever...in motion and Community Physical Therapy - 4 month balance class and education program based on falls risk factors for community dwelling older adults living in congregate housing. We are hoping that the program continues as we have requested funding for a physical therapist position and are relatively hopeful that this will happen.

Duration:

Ongoing

**279**

Project Title:

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**Your Next Step – Fall Prevention in Long Term Care**

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Goals and Objectives:

Goals of course are to decrease falls while maintaining highest level of function possible. In LTC this means no increase in restraints; Home Care: do testing with TUG test and use "Your Next Step" booklet by home health aides or nurses. Based on results referral to Health care provider and PT/OT. Environmental scan done by Case Manager on initial visit Exercise classes taped through cable TV but also given individually if seen by PT/OT. Long Term Care- TUG test on admission along with fall history and usual admission detail on Meds etc. Depending on results referral to PT/OT, dietican pharmacist etc. Booklet on Fall Prevention program given to family and resident. Exercise class 5 times per week with standing and sitting balancing and strengthening exercises at each LTC facility.

Duration:

January 2010 - ongoing

## **YUKON TERRITORY**

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**280**

Project Title:

**Developing a Community-Based Falls Prevention Approach in Yukon, Canada: Working Together across Borders and Cultures**

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Goals and Objectives:

The Yukon Territory covers 483,610 km<sup>2</sup> (about the size of Spain) North of 60° latitude in north-western Canada. 34,000 people live in the Yukon, with the majority residing in the capital city of Whitehorse. There are 14 indigenous (Yukon First Nations (YFN)) communities with Home and Community Care (HCC) and/or Home Care programs, 13 of which are in small communities throughout the territory. The Arctic Health Research Network-Yukon (AHRN-YT) hosted an Injury Prevention Workshop in November, 2008 which brought Yukon First Nations' health workers, Yukon College health students, health practitioners and others, together with Dr. Børge Ytterstad (Trømsø University, Norway) and Dr. Ian Pike (Director, BC Injury Research and Prevention Unit). During the course of the one-day workshop, there were opportunities to identify community-based injury prevention concerns in the Yukon, and to share related work underway in Norway and British Columbia, Canada. The importance of Falls Prevention was highlighted both during the workshop, and during a presentation to local physicians, where it was noted that there had been 11 hip fractures throughout the Yukon in the two previous weeks (late October-early November, 2008). The problem of falls and the high cost to individuals, their families, and the health care system emerged as a priority issue. In response, a Falls Prevention checklist was adapted to include content and cultural relevancy by and with Yukon First Nations communities together with a researcher. The checklist was then also included in the materials used by the Territorial government's Home Care Program for physiotherapists and occupational therapists' community visits, and now

facilitates a common approach to preventing falls with First Nations and territorial government agencies working together. From an AHRN-YT perspective, the purpose of this Falls Prevention initiative is twofold: to build capacity at the community level to predict and prevent falls; and to facilitate partnership development between service providers, community organizations and academics to optimize outcomes for clients and their families. By building coalitions between First Nations and Territorial governments, academic institutions, the regional health research centre and the Council of Yukon First Nations, Yukon First Nations residents, particularly elders, are now receiving a falls prevention intervention in their homes in a way that might otherwise not have been possible.

Duration: Ongoing

### **281**

Project Title:

#### **Fall Prevention Pilot Project**

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Goals and Objectives: In Whitehorse - target group is home care clients at high risk for falling. In Faro and Ross River - exercise program for seniors to improve balance, strength and knowledge with respect to fall prevention.

Duration: January 2010 – March 2010

### **282**

Project Title:

#### **Senior Fit**

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Goals and Objectives: To increase activity in community dwelling 55+ focusing on improving strength, balance and endurance. An exercise class held 2x/week for ~45min followed by a group discussion focused on specific fall prevention topics (ie. Medications, home safety, etc). We have followed the "Stand Up" program for the exercise regime.

Duration: January 2010 - ongoing