

MDS Alert

Toolkit: Use This Handy Worksheet For Your 'Post-Fall Huddle'

Remember to get the resident's account of what happened, if at all possible.

A quick and straightforward meeting, known as a "post-fall huddle," immediately after a fall occurs in your facility could mean the difference between preventing future falls versus allowing falls to continuously occur. Use this worksheet from the **U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs** National Center for Patient Safety to get started on your huddle process.

POST FALL HUDDLE / AFTER ACTION REVIEW (AAR)

Nurse Reviewer: _____ Date: _____

Patient Name/ID: _____

Instructions:

1. Hold AAR as soon as possible after the patient fall occurred.
2. Keep the AAR meetings brief; 15 minutes.
3. Involve the patient if possible.
4. Forward completed review to Nurse Manager, then to Patient Safety Manager.



Type of Fall: _____

Nurse Manager Review: _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Source: www.patientsafety.va.gov/professionals/onthejob/falls.asp.