



## Falls with injury

### Summary

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**NQF #**  
0202

**Title:**  
Falls with injury

**Project Name:**  
Nursing-Sensitive Maintenance 2009

**Status:**  
Endorsed (Undergoing Endorsement Maintenance)

**Original  
Endorsement Date:**  
AUG 05, 2009

**Most Recent  
Endorsement Date:**  
AUG 05, 2009

**Steward(s):**  
American Nurses Association

**Description:**  
All documented patient falls with an injury level of minor or greater on eligible unit types in a calendar quarter. Reported as Injury falls per 1000 Patient Days.  $(\text{Total number of injury falls} / \text{Patient days}) \times 1000$ . Measure focus is safety. Target population is adult acute care inpatient and adult rehabilitation patients.

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### Details

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**Numerator:**  
Total number of patient falls of injury level minor or greater (whether or not assisted by a staff member) by eligible hospital unit during the calendar month X 1000.

**Included Populations:**

- Falls with Fall Injury Level of “minor” or greater, including assisted and repeat falls with an Injury level of minor or greater
- Patient injury falls occurring while on an eligible reporting unit

Target population is adult acute care inpatient and adult rehabilitation patients. Eligible unit types include adult critical care, step-down, medical, surgical, medical-surgical combined, critical access, adult rehabilitation in-patient.

**Denominator:**  
Denominator Statement: Patient days by Type of Unit during the calendar month.

**Included Populations:**

- Inpatients, short stay patients, observation patients, and same day surgery patients who receive care on eligible inpatient units for all or part of a day.

- Adult critical care, step-down, medical, surgical, medical-surgical combined, critical access and adult rehabilitation inpatient units.

- Patients of any age on an eligible reporting unit are included in the patient day count.

**Exclusion:**

Excluded Populations: Other unit types (e.g., pediatric, psychiatric, obstetrical, etc.)

**Adjustment:**

N/A