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Stand Up Right - Stay Upright!

Building falls prevention capacity through workforce development

Progress Update

Workforce Development within the Department of Emergency Medicine, Royal Hobart Hospital

Following the appointment of Ruth Hudson as Falls Prevention Project Officer in the Department of Emergency Medicine (DEM) at the Royal Hobart Hospital, the Stand Up Right - Stay Upright! workforce development initiative began recruiting DEM falls patients in late February. In the first week of activity three elderly patients, who matched the criteria for inclusion in the project, were provided with a Falls Prevention Information Leaflet and accompanying documentation about the project. Interestingly two of the three patients were interstate visitors. Follow up data will be collected from each of the patients following their consent to be approached regarding their visit to the DEM.

In preparation for the implementation of Stand Up Right - Stay Upright! within DEM a number of information sessions and presentations were conducted with clerical, nursing and medical staff. Most recently Geriatrician, Dr Frank Nicklason, provided assistance to the project by presenting clinical information to senior DEM medical staff and current resident staff.

As Stand Up Right - Stay Upright! is an active research project there will be continuous evaluation and refinement of the processes involved in the initiative, particularly in relation to how potential falls patients are identified when they enter the DEM. Ongoing adjustments to the processes of the project will be an integral component of the initiative.

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