

Fall Fact #8

1-4 % of falls result in fracture.
Hip fractures are reported in
1% of falls, less severe injuries
in 20–30% of all falls.



Fall Fact #9

Patient falls are the most
common adverse event
reported in acute care
facilities.

Is this opiate a new
medication for my
patient's pain control or
is it an increase in dose
for my patient?



Your
Falls Team
is at work
to help you become
aware of the
patient at risk
of falling.



PREVENT A FALL



Included in this
brochure are
9 Fall Facts
to help us in our
awareness of the
importance of
Fall Prevention.



KNOW THE FACTS - THE FALL FACTS



Fall Fact #1

Fall prevention programs can substantially reduce the incidence of patient falls and subsequent injuries.

Fall Fact #3

In addition to broken bones, falls can break self-confidence.

Fall Fact #6

Falls occur most often during the **first week** of the hospital stay and again during the **third week**.



Fall Fact #4

Reducing the rate of hip fractures among persons 65 and older is an objective of Healthy People 2000.



Fall Fact #2

Reducing patient falls requires a close look at the unique problems of each unit.

Fall Fact #5

Urinary incontinence occurs in 1/3 of hospitalized patients.

Fall Fact #7

Serious injuries occur in about 5 - 6% of falls.

