Falls Sensors

Falls sensors are a falls intervention which should be used in conjunction with other interventions, including effective COMFE rounding and enhanced supervision.

The following algorithm can be used to assess your patients need for a falls sensor;

Does your patient need a Falls Sensor?

Is your patient assessed as a high risk of falls?

Yes

Does your patient have capacity, knowledge and understanding to follow advice throughout all parts of day and nighttime?

Yes

No falls sensor required.

No

No falls sensor required, speak to the patient to give them information about their risk of falls and follow up with the Falls Patient Information Leaflet.

No falls sensor required.

No

Are you able to cohort your patient in a bay which is continually supervised by a member of staff or provide 1:1 supervision?

Yes

No

Falls sensor required. Ensure you have you have received training and that the falls sensor is working before use, before you leave the patient and at every shift change.

No falls sensor required.

Falls Sensors should only be used if you have received the training and understand how to set the sensor up and ensure it is working. A central stock of falls sensors is held in the equipment library in York or on Oak Ward in Scarborough.

For falls sensor training please contact Victoria Elletson, Patient Safety Manager on 772 1549 or email Victoria.Elletson@york.nhs.uk