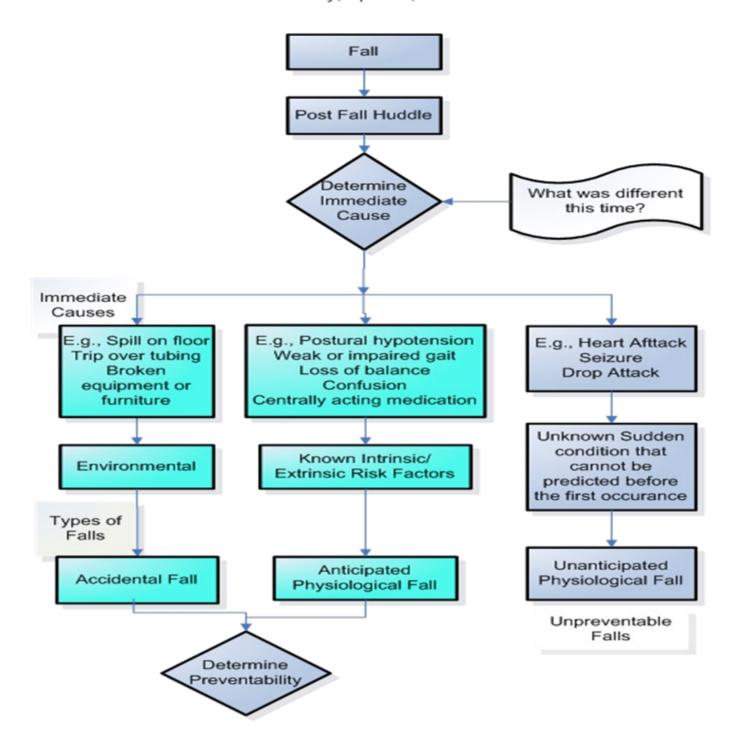
Decision Tree for Types of Falls

Tuesday, April 22, 2014



Determine Preventability

- Step 1: Conduct the Post Fall Huddle.
- Step 2: Determine the Immediate Cause of the Fall.
- Step 3: Determine the Type of Fall.
- Step 4. If Accidental and Anticipated Physiological Falls, determine Preventability:

Could the care provider (direct care provider) have anticipated this event with the information available at the time?

- If the Answer is **NO**, the fall is Not preventable.
- If the answer is YES, the provider must ask another question: Were appropriate precautions taken to prevent this event?
- Answer:
 - No, Clearly or likely Preventable;
 - Yes, Clearly or likely Unpreventable

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