



PATIENT FALL PREVENTION

Choose the correct answer.

1. The prevention of patient falls are important to all employees because:
 - a. Patient falls take away time from other duties
 - b. Patients are throughout the hospital premises, not just in the patient rooms
 - c. A “team approach” to patient care is available
 - d. b and c

2. Patients who are at “high risk” for falling are identified by all except:
 - a. There will be an orange sign on the patient’s door
 - b. The patient will have an orange wrist band on
 - c. The patient will always have a posey restraint vest on
 - d. There will be a “Fall Precautions” sticker on the Kardex

3. Measures that a health care worker can take to reduce a patient’s risk for falling include:
 - a. Making sure the patient’s call light, personal items, and phone are within reach and that the bed rails are up before leaving the room.
 - b. Providing verbal reminders and positive feedback regarding calling for assistance.
 - c. Intervening when observing a high “Fall Risk” patient attempting to move independently
 - d. All of the above

4. The R.N. is responsible for:
 - a. Providing initial and ongoing assessment for each patient’s fall risk.
 - b. Initiating the Fall Prevention Plan for “high risk” patients and insuring that it is communicated to the family, patient, and rest of the team.
 - c. Intervening promptly in the event of a patient fall and re-evaluating the fall prevention plan.
 - d. All of the above.

5. If the patient falls, the first person to come to the patient should:
 - a. Initiate CPR if needed
 - b. Get the patient back to bed as quickly as possible in all cases
 - c. Call for the nurse to assess the patient immediately, if not present
 - d. All but b

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