

Welcome Humpty Dumpty



Baystate Children's Hospital Safety Council is excited to announce that the new "**Humpty Dumpty Falls Scale**" will go live in the children's hospital later this month. This is an important initiative: In 2019, we had 16 falls and 2020 we had 15 falls. The scale will be used in the PICU, Children's and Adolescents unit, the Pediatric ED, and all Baystate Health emergency rooms (Franklin, Noble, Wing and Mary Lane) who may serve children. This tool is used in over 900 hospitals nationally and over 160 hospitals internationally. The scale takes into consideration the patient's age, gender, diagnosis (including but not limited to neurological, respiratory, cardiac, and psychiatric), cognitive impairment, environment and any sedatives, anesthesia or medications the patient may have received. The Humpty Dumpty falls program partners with families, including education about falls on admission.

High risk patient interventions will include the use of a decal outside the room, yellow socks and a yellow falls bracelet. The door will be left open to the rooms of patients who identify as high risk. Additionally, high risk patients will receive a key card for falls safety (an idea that was derived from the Solutions for Patient Safety network). This card provides nursing guidance on how patients and families can collaborate to keep the patient safe while hospitalized. Tracking our fall events and comparing the rates to previous years will help us determine the effectiveness of the new scale and interventions. This validated pediatric tool meets the recommendation of the Joint Commission. **A BIG thanks to Patricia Fontaine MSN, RN, CPN** our SPS Outcomes Nurse and her team of nurses for working so diligently to implement this in our hospital!