

Preventing Future Falls in Older Adult ED Patients: Evaluating the  
Implementation and Effectiveness of a Novel Automated Screening and  
Referral Intervention - Patient Perspectives

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**Research Participant Information Sheet**

**Title of Study:** Patient Perspectives on a Falls-Risk Screening and Referral Program in the Emergency Department

**Study Investigator:** Brian Patterson, MD

Dr. Brian Patterson, from the Department of Emergency Medicine at UW-Madison, is doing a research study to evaluate a new program that identifies emergency department (ED) patients at risk of falling in the next six months, so that ED doctors can easily refer them for an appointment at the UW Health Mobility and Falls Clinic to reduce their risk. As someone who received a referral to the Falls Clinic during a recent ED visit, we invite you to give us your feedback about this program by participating in a phone interview.

We would like to ask you some questions about your thoughts and reactions to receiving the referral at the end of your emergency department visit, experiences you had with the Falls Clinic after you were discharged from the emergency department, and any ideas you might have for how we can improve this process to help patients in the future. We are hoping to interview some patients who ended up making appointments with the clinic and some that did not. The phone interview should last about 15-20 minutes. We will schedule this call in advance, so you can pick a time that works best for you and allows you to be in whatever location you choose. The research team member who will be contacting you will be calling from a private secure location.

You can choose not to answer any of the questions you are asked and can stop the interview at any time. Although the researcher asking you the questions knows who you are, all of your answers will remain anonymous. Although we may audio-record your answers so that we can accurately capture what you say, no personal information about you will be included in the transcribed notes from the interview, and one will be able to link your answers back to you. Recordings will be deleted once we have completed these notes. The contact information you gave us so we could communicate with you about the study also won't be connected to your interview answers. If you choose to participate, your name and the date of your ED visit will be given to data analysts at UW Health, so they can tell us how many interview participants eventually had an appointment with the Falls Clinic.

The only potential risks involved in your participation would be an accidental breach of confidentiality, but we have put data security measures in place to prevent this as much as possible. There are no direct benefits to you for participating. The information you give us, however, will help us improve the program for other patients in the future.

If you decide to participate in the study, you will receive \$40 as a thank you for your time.

Being in this study is completely voluntary, and will not in any way affect the health care you receive in the future. Even if you agree to participate, you may change your mind at any time prior to or during the interview. Please contact Apoorva Maru (Research Coordinator) at (608) 890-9167, or via email at [apmaru@medicine.wisc.edu](mailto:apmaru@medicine.wisc.edu), with questions about this study.

Thank you!