Hi Cheri,

Thank you for taking the time to pass along these comments on the Evidence-Based Falls Prevention Program Information Collection. We are collating and analyzing all input to determine changes for the data collection forms.

I will let you know if I have any follow-up questions.

Sincerely,

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Hello Ms. Bethge,

I have just a few comments after looking at the proposed documents.

I feel the following are important aspects when looking at fall risks:

* Important to ask if they either use a mobility support device or if it has been recommended that they do.
* How many medications they take daily.  This is an indicator of fall risk or if they use prescription medications for sleep or pain
* Consider changing a fall in 3 months to 6 months or even a year. A fall in a year is an indicator of future falls.
* If they use furniture to steady themselves in the home.
* Consider changing some of the larger syllable words.  Here in the deep south: the bigger syllable words such as unintentionally and vigorously can be a barrier to understanding. The more syllables the more challenging the understanding. ;)  I think there are some studies that support challenges in older people with vision loss having lower education levels.
* VERY IMPORTANT to know if they have vision impairment not corrected by glasses.  Include this in the list on #8.  I evaluated a new patient today who had sustained 2 falls with broken leg and then a broken pelvis due to vision loss

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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