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**GET UP ↑**

October 10, 2017

# Indiana's Bold Aim



To make Indiana the safest  
place to receive health care  
in the United States...  
*if not the world*

# Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Get UP Campaign
- Guest Speaker Dr. Cynthia Brown-Cynosure
- Resources and Support
- Get Up Webinar Series



# Polling Question #1

## What is your role within your organization?

- Infection Preventionist
- Nursing Professional
- Laboratory Professional
- Medical Staff
- Environmental Services/Housekeeping Professional
- Other





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# UP Campaign

*[IHAconnect.org/Quality-Patient-Safety](https://IHAconnect.org/Quality-Patient-Safety)*

# IHA Launches UP Campaign

- Supports Hospital Improvement Innovation Network (HIIN) harm reduction efforts
- June 6 Indiana Patient Safety Summit Kick-off
- Strategic Deployment of Three Campaigns:

|         |         |
|---------|---------|
| SOAP UP | 3Q 2017 |
| GET UP  | 4Q 2017 |
| WAKE UP | 1Q 2018 |

**SOAP UP** ↑

Implementing appropriate hand hygiene to reduce the spread of infection

**S** **SCRUB**  
For 20 seconds with the right product. Remember soap for CDI.

**O** **OWN**  
Your role in preventing HAIs.

**A** **ADDRESS**  
Immediately intervene if breach is observed.

**P** **PLACE**  
Hand hygiene products in strategic locations.

**U** **UPDATE**  
Hand hygiene products policies as needed to promote adherence.

**P** **PROTECT**  
Involve patients and families in hand hygiene.



**GET UP** ↑

Mobilizing patients to return to function more quickly


**G** **GO**  
Determine the resources in your institution and how you will implement a mobility program.

**E** **EVALUATE PATIENT CAPABILITIES**  
Which scale, tool or evaluation method will you use to evaluate?

**T** **TEAM UP FOR PROGRESSIVE MOBILITY**  
Rehab, nursing and respiratory join together to implement the mobility plan.

**U** **UNITE**  
Engage patients, families and friends in mobility progression.

**P** **PROMOTE PROGRESS**  
Measure and report unit mobility performance.



**WAKE UP** ↑

Reducing unnecessary sleepiness and sedation

**W** **WARN YOURSELF**  
This is high risk.


**A** **ASSESS**  
Use tools: STOP BANG, POSS, RASS, PA-PSA.

**K** **KNOW**  
Your drugs, your patient.

**E** **ENGAGE**  
Patients and families to set realistic pain expectations, use of non-sedating analgesics, risks of opioids.

**U** **UTILIZE**  
Dose limits, layering limits, soft and hard stops.

**P** **PROTECT**  
The patient...our ultimate job.

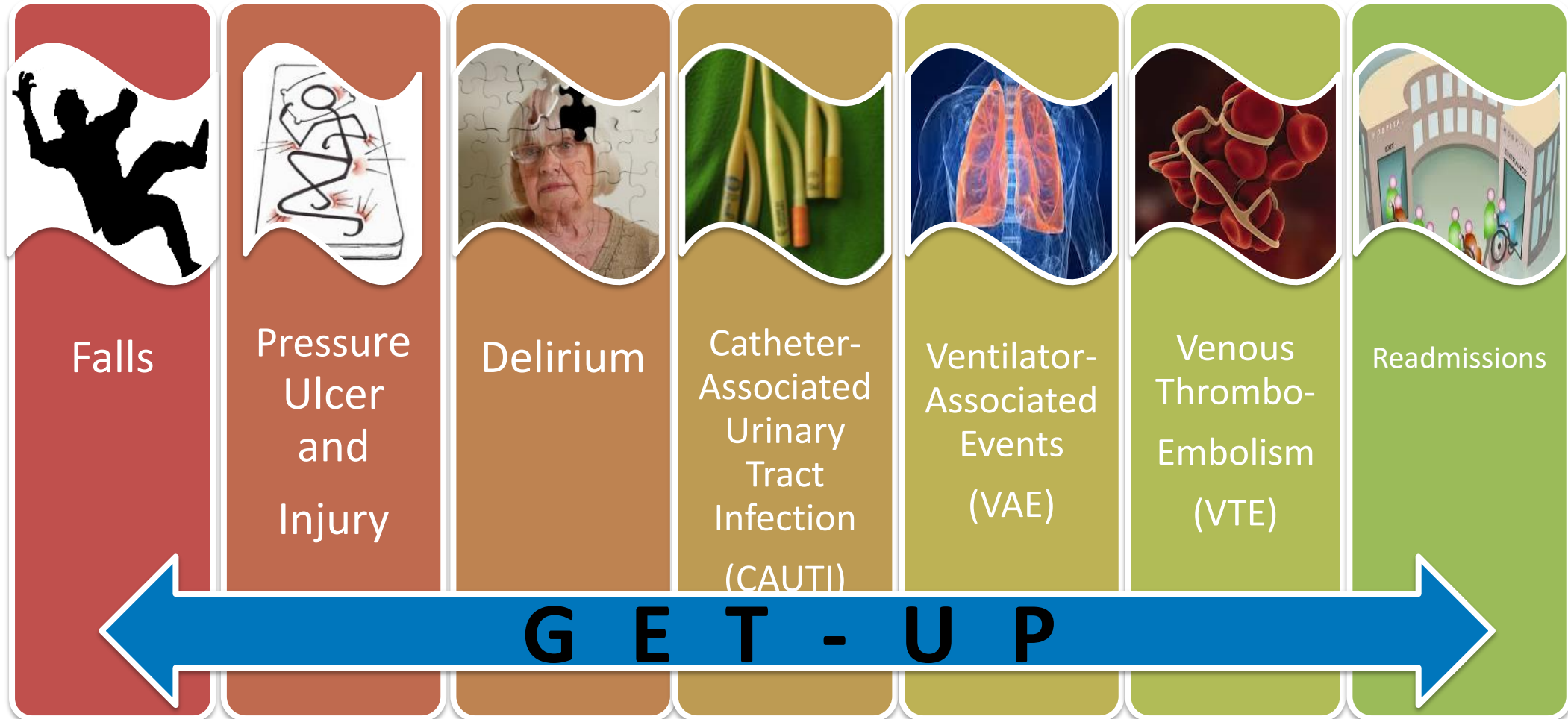


# UP Campaign

**Goal:** Simplify safe care and streamline cross-cutting interventions to reduce the risk for multiple patient harms



# Early Progressive Mobility





# Did you know....

## Off Their Feet

Some of the effects of time  
in the hospital

**95%-plus**

Amount of time that  
hospital patients spend in bed  
or sitting in a chair

**2 days**

Mobility of elderly patients  
can begin to decline this soon  
after they are hospitalized



*Source: Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*

*THE WALL STREET JOURNAL*

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# Polling Question #2

From your research, what age category do most of your falls occur in?

- 18-25
- 26-45
- 46-65
- Over 65





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# Guest Speaker Dr. Cynthia Brown



# Mobility in the Hospitalized Older Adult

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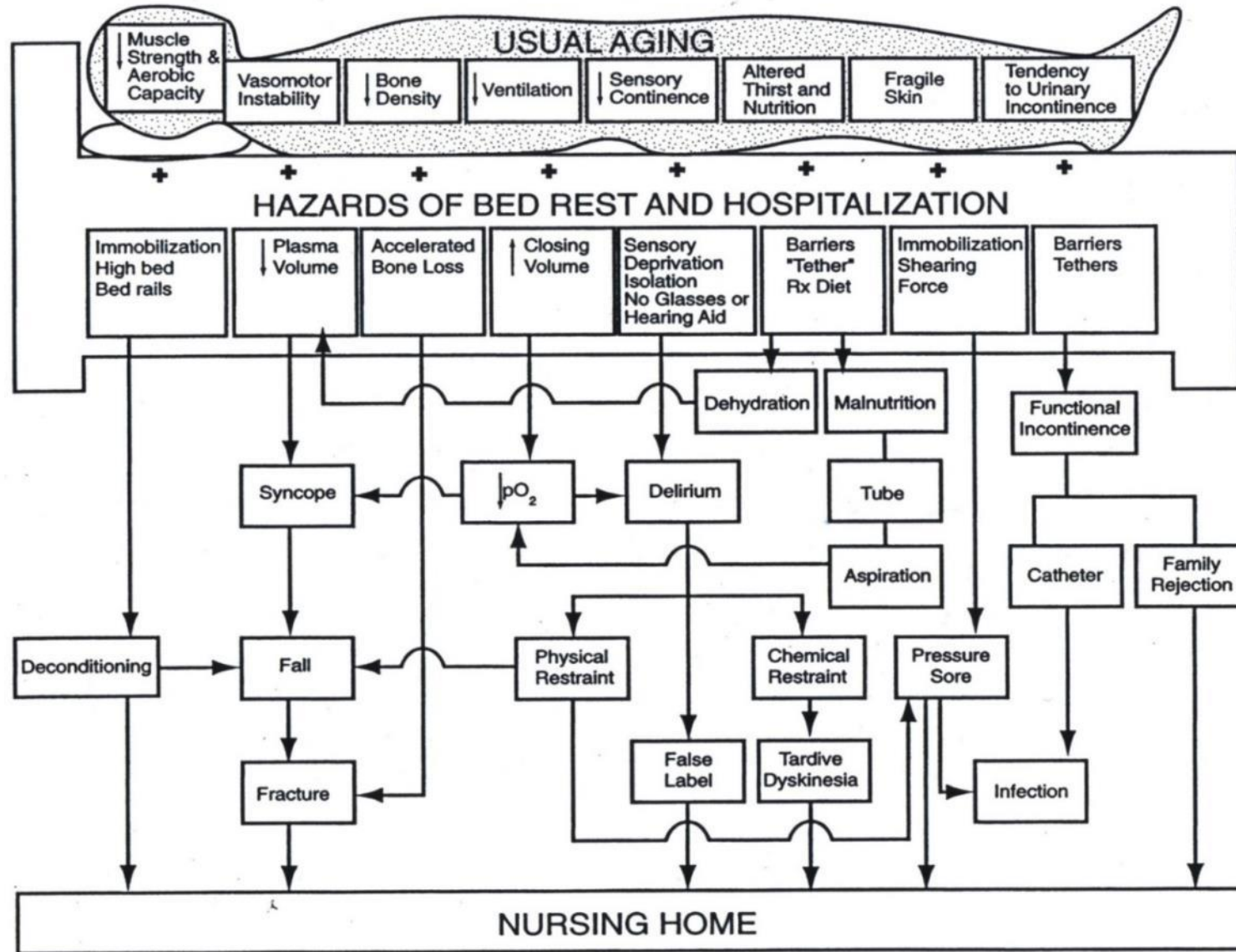
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# Determining the Scope of the Problem

“Rest of injured body parts and of diseased bodies is probably the oldest and most valuable of all methods of treatment... Nevertheless we seem from time to time to forget that this therapeutic method like all others may lead to untoward results when utilized either injudiciously or excessively.”

- Dr. Tinsley Harrison, JAMA 1944



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# Prevalence and Outcomes



Brown CJ, Friedkin RJ, Inouye SK.  
Prevalence and Outcomes of Low  
Mobility in Hospitalized Older Patients.  
*J Am Geriatr Soc* 52:1263-1270, 2004.

## Prevalence and Outcomes of Low Mobility in Hospitalized Older Patients

Cynthia J. Brown, MD,<sup>1\*</sup> Rebecca J. Friedkin, PhD,<sup>2</sup> and Sharon K. Inouye, MD, MPH,<sup>3</sup>

**OBJECTIVES:** To estimate the prevalence of different levels of mobility in a hospitalized older cohort, to measure the degree and rate of adverse outcomes associated with different mobility levels, and to examine the physician activity orders and documented reasons for bedrest in the lowest mobility group.

**DESIGN:** A prospective cohort study.

**SETTING:** An 800-bed university teaching hospital.

**PARTICIPANTS:** Four hundred ninety-eight hospitalized medical patients, aged 70 and older.

**MEASUREMENTS:** Using average mobility level, scored from 0 to 12, the low-mobility group was defined as having a score of 4 or less, intermediate as a score of higher than 4 to 8, and high as higher than 8. Outcomes were functional decline, new institutionalization, death, and death or new institutionalization.

**RESULTS:** Low and intermediate levels of mobility were common, accounting for 80 (16%) and 157 (32%) study patients, respectively. Overall, any activity of daily living (ADL) decline occurred in 29%, new institutionalization in 13%, death in 7%, and death or new institutionalization in 22% of patients in this cohort. When compared with the high-mobility group, the low and intermediate groups were associated with the adverse outcomes in a graded fashion, even after controlling for multiple confounders. The low-mobility group had an adjusted odds ratio (OR) of 5.6 (95% confidence interval [CI] = 2.9–11.0) for ADL decline, 6.0 (95% CI = 2.5–14.8) for new institutionalization, 34.3 (95% CI = 6.3–185.9) for death, and 7.2 (95% CI = 3.6–

14.4) for death or new institutionalization. The intermediate group had adjusted ORs of 2.5 (95% CI = 1.5–4.1), 2.9 (95% CI = 1.4–6.0), 10.1 (95% CI = 1.9–52.9), and 3.3 (95% CI = 1.8–5.9) for ADL decline, new institutionalization, death, and death or new institutionalization, respectively. Bedrest was ordered at some point during hospitalization in 165 (33%) patients. For most patients, mobility was limited involuntarily (bedrest orders), and almost 60% of bedrest episodes in the lowest mobility group had no documented medical indication.

**CONCLUSION:** Low mobility and bedrest are common in hospitalized older patients and are important predictors of adverse outcomes. This study demonstrated that the adverse outcomes associated with low mobility and bedrest may be viewed as iatrogenic events leading to complications, such as functional decline. *J Am Geriatr Soc* 52:1263–1270, 2004.

**Key words:** mobility; bedrest; hospital complications; geriatrics; iatrogenesis

Low mobility and bedrest are common occurrences during hospitalization. One study found that older patients were documented to be on bedrest for 23% of 3,500 patient-days studied.<sup>1</sup> Another study found that 33% of older hospitalized patients were confined to bed or chair during three separate survey days.<sup>2</sup> One report noted that 65% of patients experienced a decline in mobility from their pre-admission baseline to the second hospital day, with most patients failing to improve by discharge.<sup>3</sup> These studies constitute the body of literature on the prevalence of low mobility and bedrest in hospitalized patients, yet none of the studies have examined mobility and associated adverse outcomes throughout the entire hospital course.

Hospitalization has been shown to be associated with adverse outcomes such as high rates of functional disability, increased lengths of stay, and increased likelihood of nursing home placement upon discharge.<sup>4,5</sup> One study found older patients to be more at risk for medical and iatrogenic complications during hospitalization,<sup>6</sup> which may contribute to these adverse outcomes. It has also been suggested that use of bedrest during hospitalization may be more

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# Prevalence and Outcomes

- 498 hospitalized medical patients, age  $\geq 70$  years
- Mobility scale based on nurse report:
  - degree of assistance needed
  - number of times transferred and ambulated
- Average of mobility observations for each patient, scores trichotomized
  - Low mobility: bed rest or bed to chair
  - Intermediate mobility
  - High mobility

# Prevalence of Low Mobility

- Bed rest present at some point for 33% of hospitalized older patients
- 16% patients experienced low mobility throughout hospitalization

# Risk of Adverse Outcomes by Mobility Level

| <b>Outcomes</b>                       | <b>Low Mobility</b> | <b>Intermediate Mobility</b> |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Any decline in ADLs                   | 5.6                 | 2.5                          |
| New Institutionalization at Discharge | 6.0                 | 2.9                          |
| Death                                 | 34.3                | 10.1                         |
| Death or New Institutionalization     | 7.2                 | 3.3                          |

Adjusted for ADLs, Demographics, APACHE II, Charlson and ICU/CCU stay;  
Odds Ratio compared to High mobility group ( $P < .006$ )

# Conclusions

- Low mobility common and associated with adverse outcomes even after controlling for illness severity and comorbidities
- However, little known about barriers to mobility

# Barriers to Hospital Mobility



Brown CJ, Williams BR, Woodby LL, Davis LL, Allman RM.

Barriers to mobility during hospitalization from the perspective of older patients, their nurses and physicians. *J Hosp Med* 2(5):305-313, 2007.

## ORIGINAL RESEARCH

### Barriers to Mobility During Hospitalization from the Perspectives of Older Patients and Their Nurses and Physicians

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**BACKGROUND:** Low mobility is common during hospitalization and is associated with adverse outcomes. Understanding barriers to the maintenance or improvement of mobility is important to the development of successful interventions.

**OBJECTIVES:** To identify barriers to mobility during hospitalization from the perspectives of older patients and their primary nurses and physicians, to compare and contrast the perceived barriers among these groups, and to make a conceptual model.

**DESIGN:** Qualitative interviews analyzed and interpreted using a grounded theory approach.

**SETTING:** Medical wards of a university hospital.

**PARTICIPANTS:** Twenty-nine participants—10 patients  $\geq$  75 years, 10 nurses, and 9 resident physicians.

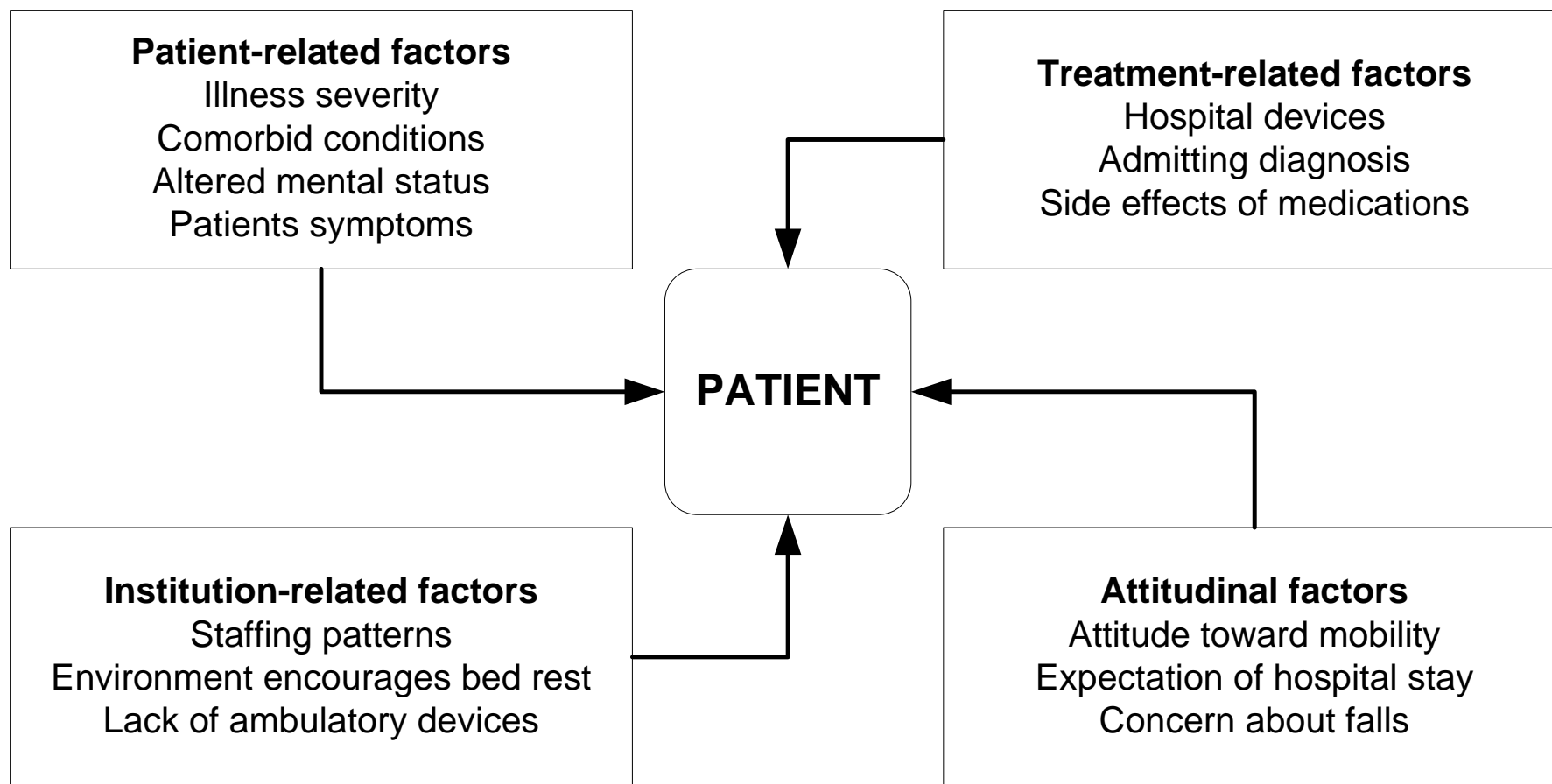
**MEASUREMENTS:** Participants were interviewed using a semistructured interview guide, with similar questions for patients and health care providers. Interviews were audiotaped, transcribed, and reviewed for common themes by independent reviewers. Perceived barriers to mobility were identified, and their nature and frequency were examined for each respondent group.

**RESULTS:** Content analysis identified 31 perceived barriers to increased mobility during hospitalization. Barriers most frequently described by all 3 groups were: having symptoms (97%), especially weakness (59%), pain (55%), and fatigue (34%); having an intravenous line (69%) or urinary catheter (59%); and being concerned about falls (79%). Lack of staff to assist with out-of-bed activity was mentioned by patients (20%), nurses (70%), and physicians (67%). Unlike patients, health care providers attributed low mobility among hospitalized older adults to lack of patient motivation and lack of ambulatory devices.

**CONCLUSIONS:** Recognizing and understanding perceived barriers to mobility during hospitalization of older patients is an important first step toward developing successful interventions to minimize low mobility. *Journal of Hospital Medicine* 2007;2:305–313. © 2007 Society of Hospital Medicine.

**KEYWORDS:** mobility limitation, accidental falls, geriatrics, hospital care, qualitative methods.

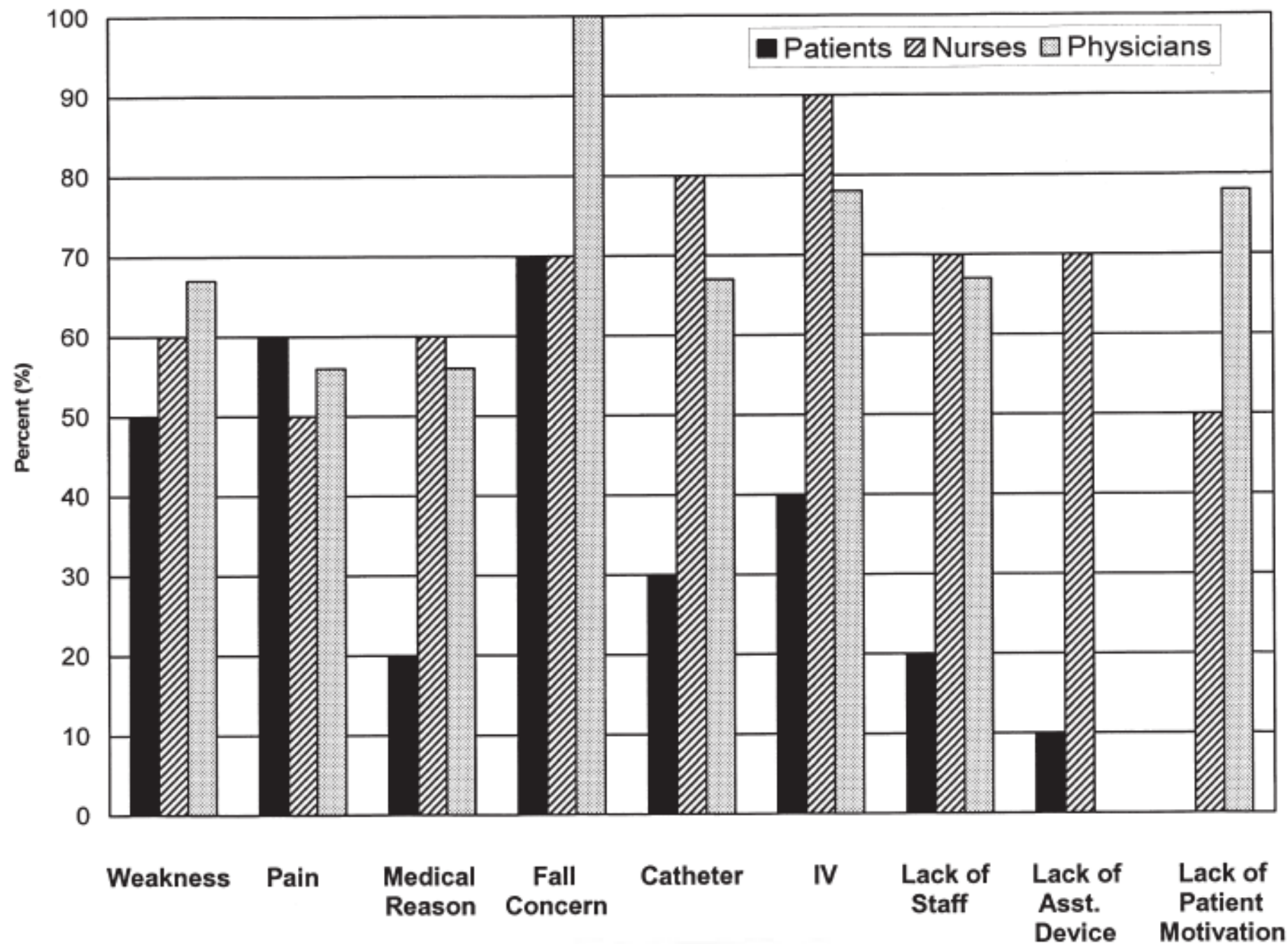
# Model of Potential Barriers

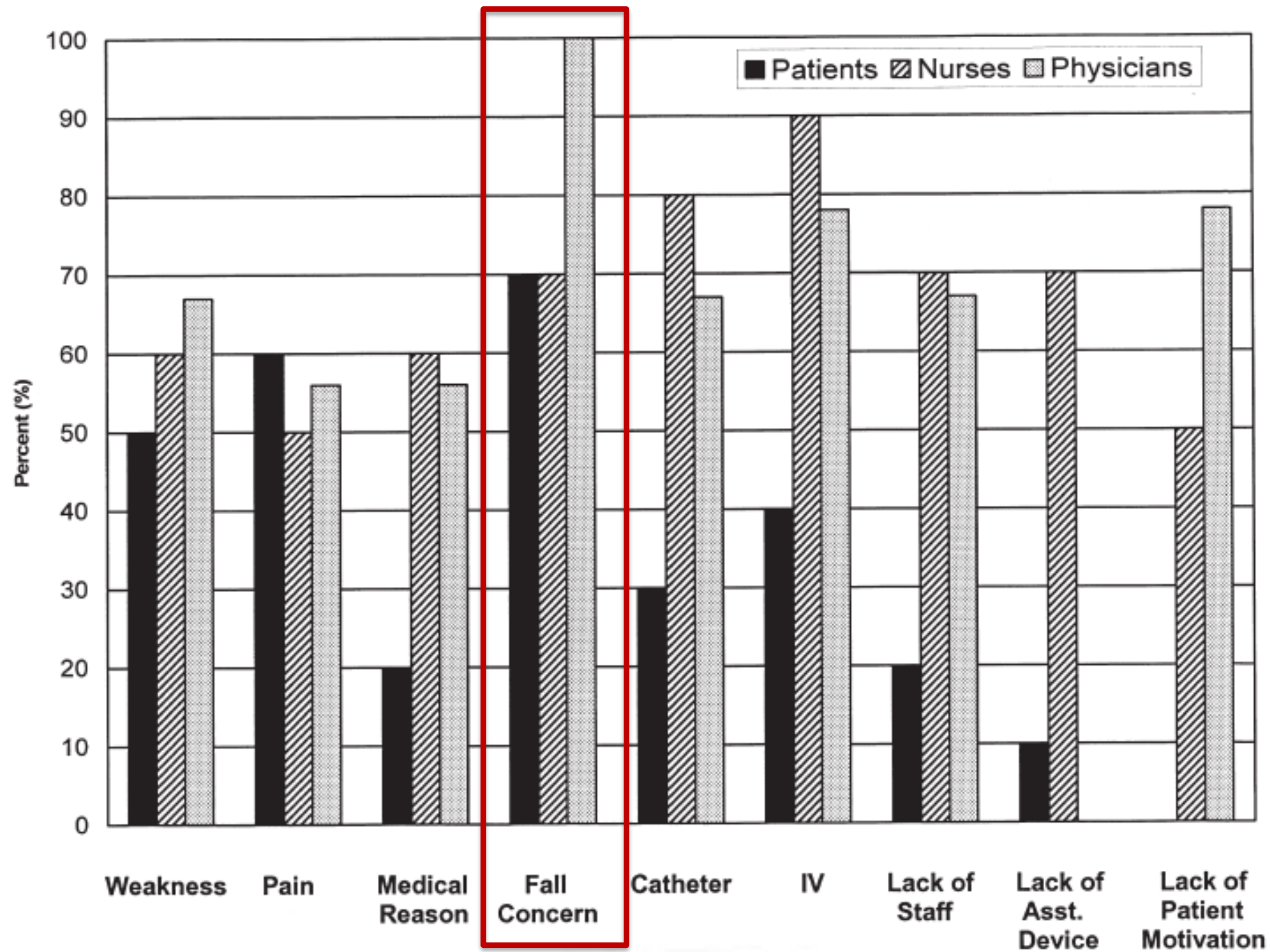


# Methods

- Participants:
  - 10 patients, age  $\geq 75$  years admitted to medical wards at UAB Hospital
  - Patient's nurse & physician also recruited (n=29)
- Questionnaire Development:
  - Semi-structured interview guide
  - New themes incorporated into interview
  - Interviews audiotaped, transcribed and examined for common themes







## Barrier: Lack of Importance

"I don't believe they are going to get me out of bed while I am here. If I said I really needed to get out of bed, they try to do what you want them to do. But evidently they don't think it is that important."

- a Patient

## Barrier: Lack of Time

“We try to encourage the doctors to order physical therapy because we don’t have time to ambulate patients in the hallway like the doctor expects.”

- a Nurse

## Barrier: Environment

“I think it is just that patients, when they are in the hospital, they feel they are supposed to be in bed. And they are more comfortable there and a lot of times they can see the TV better.”

- a Doctor

# Implications

- Suggests modifiable and non-modifiable reasons for low mobility
- Important step in development of successful interventions to minimize low mobility

# Beyond Functional Decline



Brown CJ, Roth DL, Allman RM, Sawyer P, Ritchie CS, Roseman JM. Trajectories of Life-Space Mobility after Hospitalization. *Ann Intern Med* 150(6):372-378, 2009.

## ARTICLE

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### Trajectories of Life-Space Mobility After Hospitalization

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**Background:** Life space is a measure of where a person goes, the frequency of going there, and the dependency in getting there. It may be a more accurate measure of mobility in older adults because it reflects participation in society as well as physical ability.

**Objective:** To assess effects of hospitalization on life space in older adults, and to compare life-space trajectories associated with surgical and nonsurgical hospitalizations.

**Design:** Prospective observational study.

**Setting:** Central Alabama.

**Participants:** 687 community-dwelling Medicare beneficiaries at least 65 years of age with surgical ( $n = 44$ ), nonsurgical ( $n = 167$ ), or no ( $n = 476$ ) hospitalizations.

**Measurements:** Life-Space Assessment (LSA) scores before and after hospitalization (range, 0 to 120; higher scores reflect greater mobility).

**Results:** Mean age of participants was 74.6 years (SD, 6.3). Fifty percent were black, and 46% were male. Before hospitalization, adjusted LSA scores were similar in participants with surgical and nonsurgical admissions. Life-space assessment scores decreased in

both groups immediately after hospitalization; however, participants with surgical hospitalizations had a greater decrease in scores (12.1 more points [95% CI, 3.6 to 20.7 points];  $P = 0.005$ ) than those with nonsurgical hospitalizations. However, participants with surgical hospitalizations recovered more rapidly over time (gain of 4.7 more points [CI, 2.0 to 7.4 points] per ln [week after discharge];  $P < 0.001$ ). Score recovery for participants with nonsurgical hospitalizations did not significantly differ from the null (average recovery, 0.7 points [CI, -0.6 to 1.9 points] per ln [week after discharge]).

**Limitation:** Life space immediately before and after hospitalization was self-reported, often after hospital discharge.

**Conclusion:** Hospitalization decreases life space in older adults. Surgical hospitalizations are associated with immediate marked life-space declines followed by rapid recovery, in contrast to nonsurgical hospitalizations, which are associated with more modest immediate declines and little evidence of recovery after several years of follow-up.

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Hospitalization leads to functional decline or loss of independence in about one third of older adults (1–7). An accurate measure of postdischarge physical function requires more than an assessment of a person's specific activities of daily living (ADLs), however, because physical function also encompasses their broader participation in the activities of society (8–10). The University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) Study of Aging Life-Space Assessment (LSA) provides such a measure of participation.

The LSA is a validated tool that measures mobility and reflects participation in society on the basis of the distance through which a person reports moving during the 4 weeks preceding the assessment (11–14). Life-space levels range from within one's dwelling to beyond one's town. A life-space composite score is calculated on the basis of life-space level, degree of independence in achieving each level, and the frequency of attaining each level. The LSA, which in-

corporates where a person goes, the frequency that he or she goes there, and the use of equipment or help from another person, could be used to explicitly define the full continuum and changes in mobility among community-dwelling older adults after hospitalization (11–14). Limitations in life space, as measured by the LSA, reflect lifestyle as well as physical ability and may be a useful measure of global functional decline for recently hospitalized older patients, especially because life space specifically relates to mobility and a person's participation in society.

Our objectives were to assess the initial and extended effects of hospitalization on life space and identify differences in life-space trajectories associated with surgical and nonsurgical hospitalizations.

#### METHODS

##### Setting and Participants

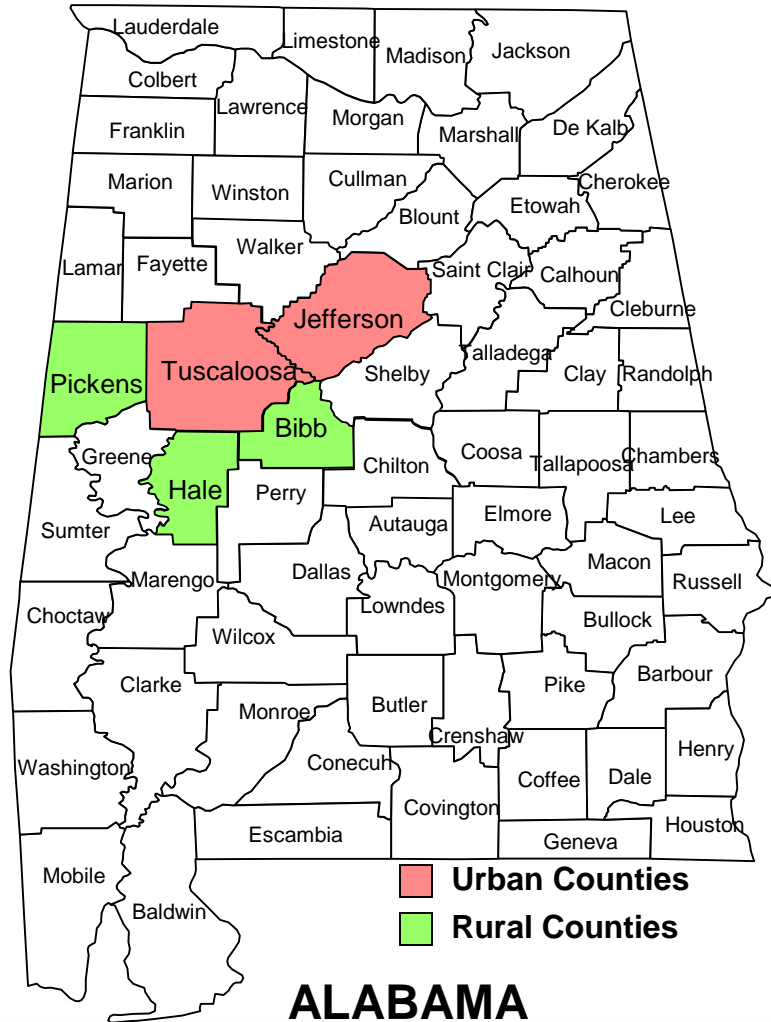
The UAB Study of Aging is designed to understand person-specific factors that predispose older adults to mobility decline and racial differences in mobility changes associated with aging. Participants were a random sample of Medicare beneficiaries at least 65 years of age who lived in central Alabama, stratified by county, race, and sex (11). Investigators classified counties as urban or rural on the basis of population at the time of baseline interviews (15) and set recruitment to achieve a balanced sample in terms of race, sex, and rural or urban residence. After obtaining

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# UAB Study of Aging 1999-2001

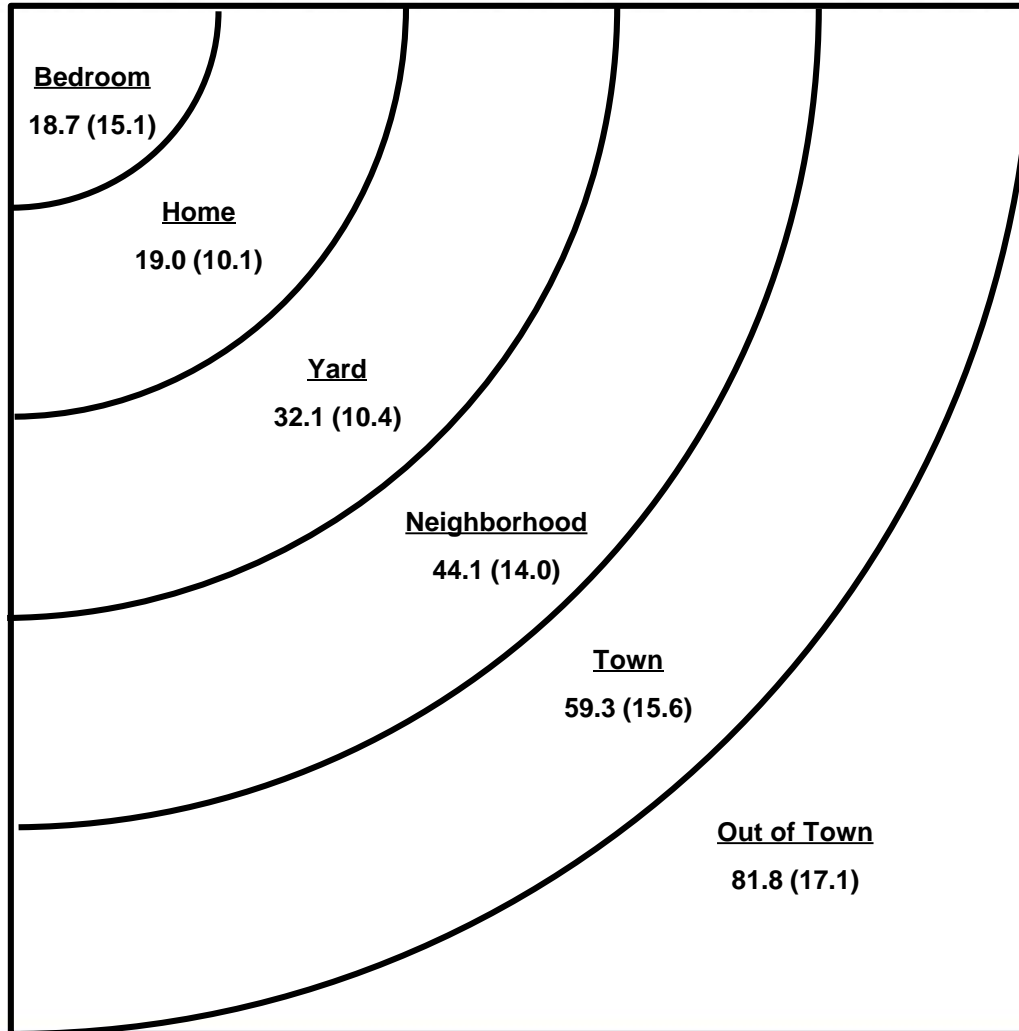


1 000 Subjects, stratified,  
random sample of  
Medicare beneficiaries  
living in 5 counties in  
central Alabama

Study over-sampled  
males, African Americans,  
and rural residents



# Measuring Life-Space

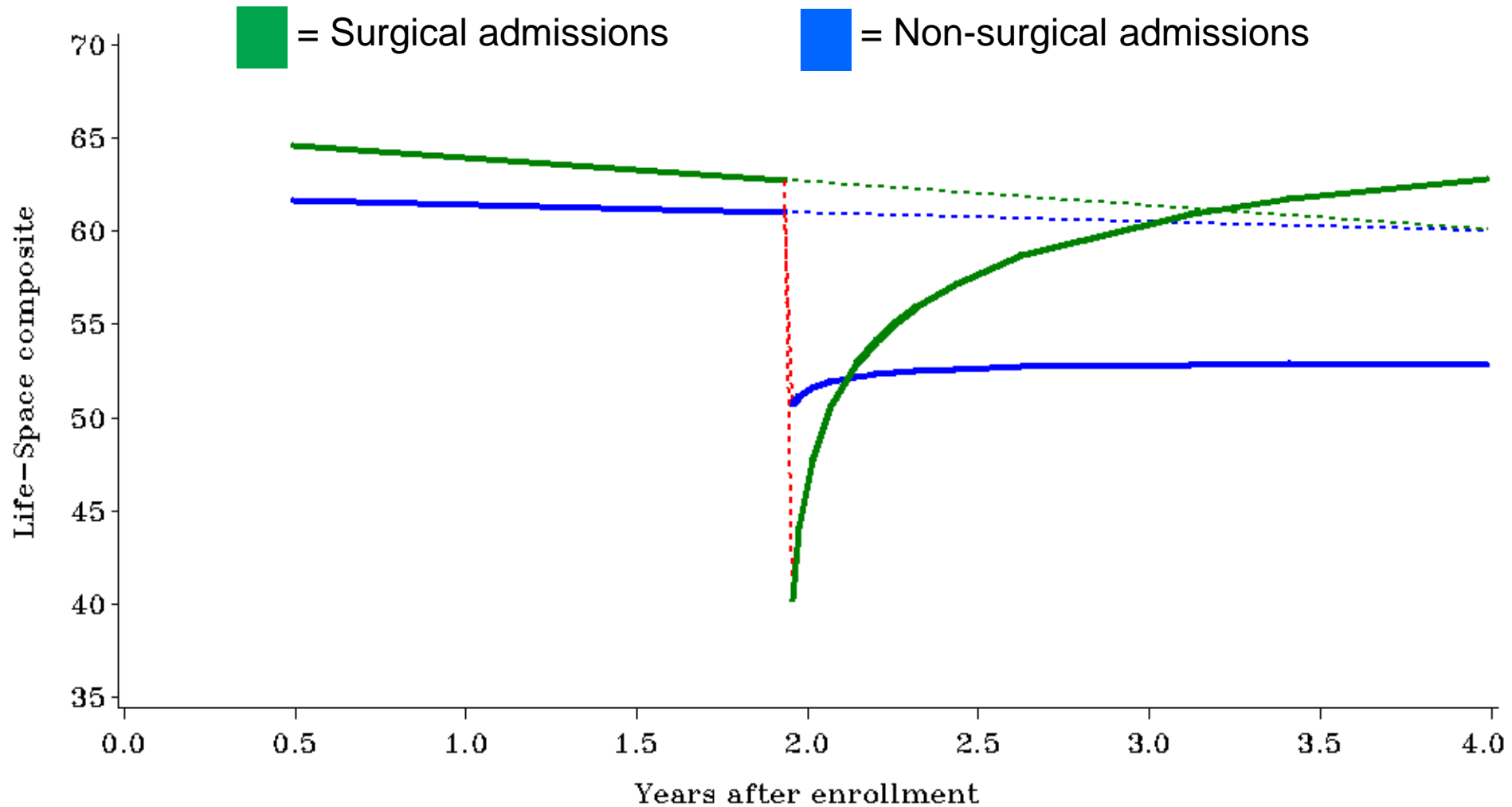


Mean (standard deviation) for baseline composite life-space score among all UAB Study of Aging participants by LSA achieved without help from another person. Scores range 0-120. Bowling CB, et al. 2013

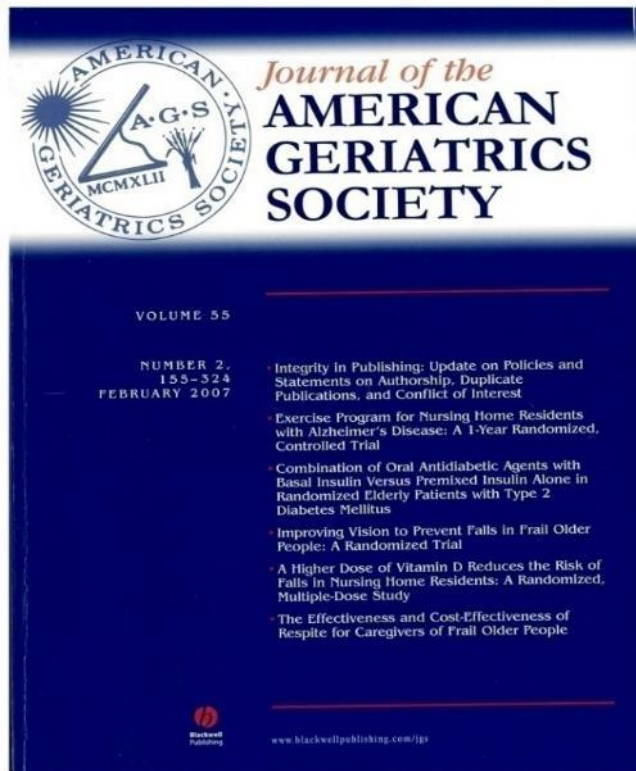
# Methods

- 211 hospitalizations among 687 participants over 4 years
  - Surgical admissions = 44;
  - Non-surgical admissions = 167
- Life-Space Assessment every 6 months
- Using multilevel change model to determined trajectory of Life-Space before and after hospitalization.

# Life-Space Trajectories after Hospitalization



# Measurement of Hospital Mobility



Brown CJ, Redden DT, Flood KL, Allman RM. The underrecognized epidemic of low mobility during hospitalization of older adults. *J Am Geriatr Soc* 57(9):1660-1665, 2009

## BRIEF REPORTS

### The Underrecognized Epidemic of Low Mobility During Hospitalization of Older Adults

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**OBJECTIVES:** To examine the proportion of time spent in three levels of mobility (lying, sitting, and standing or walking) by a cohort of hospitalized older veterans as measured by validated wireless accelerometers.

**DESIGN:** A prospective, observational cohort study.

**SETTING:** One hundred fifty-bed Department of Veterans Affairs hospital.

**PARTICIPANTS:** Forty-five hospitalized medical patients, aged 65 and older who were not delirious, did not have dementia, and were able to walk in the 2 weeks before admission were eligible.

**MEASUREMENTS:** Wireless accelerometers were attached to the thigh and ankle of patients for the first 7 days after admission or until hospital discharge, whichever came first. The mean proportion of time spent lying, sitting, and standing or walking was determined for each hour after hospital admission using a previously validated algorithm. **RESULTS:** Forty-five male patients (mean age 74.2) with a mean length of stay of 5.1 days generated 2,592 one-hour periods of data. A baseline functional assessment indicated that 35 (77.8%) study patients were willing and able to walk a short distance independently. No patient remained in bed the entire measured hospital stay, but on average, 83% of the measured hospital stay was spent lying in bed. The average amount of time that any one individual spent standing or walking ranged from a low of 0.2% to a high of 21%, with a median of 3%, or 43 minutes per day.

**CONCLUSION:** This is the first study to continuously monitor mobility levels early during a hospital stay. On average, older hospitalized patients spent most of their time lying in bed, despite an ability to walk independently. *J Am Geriatr Soc* 2009.

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During hospitalization for acute illness, an estimated 23% to 33% of older adults experience low mobility, defined as being limited to a bed or chair.<sup>1-3</sup> Ambulation occurs infrequently, with only 27% of patients walking in the hallways during hospitalization.<sup>4</sup> Low mobility is associated with adverse outcomes, including functional decline and need for new nursing home placement, even after controlling for illness severity and comorbidity.<sup>5</sup> Bedrest studies of young adults demonstrate low plasma volume, orthostatic intolerance, and a loss of muscle mass within 24 hours of assuming the supine position.<sup>6</sup> For older adults, the effects of bed rest are even more profound. One study found a significant decrease in muscle protein synthesis, strength, and lower extremity and whole-body mass in a group of healthy older adults placed on bed rest for 10 days.<sup>6</sup>

Previous studies examining the prevalence of different levels of mobility have been based on chart review of physician activity orders, brief surveys of patient location, periodic nursing reports, or direct observation of hallways.<sup>1-4</sup> These methods of measuring hospital mobility have several limitations. Chart documentation of mobility may be missing. Mobility, particularly transferring or walking, may be a brief activity easily missed by nursing staff or brief surveys of location. This is particularly true if the patient is independent with the activity. Although direct observation of hallways is an excellent method for assessing hallway ambulation, it misses any mobility that occurs within a patient's room.

Accelerometers have been extensively used in research to measure mobility, physical activity, and gait parameters in older adults.<sup>7</sup> For example, studies have examined changes in gait pattern associated with aging and with falls in older adults.<sup>7</sup> In the community, levels of physical activity have been measured for up to 7 days using wearable

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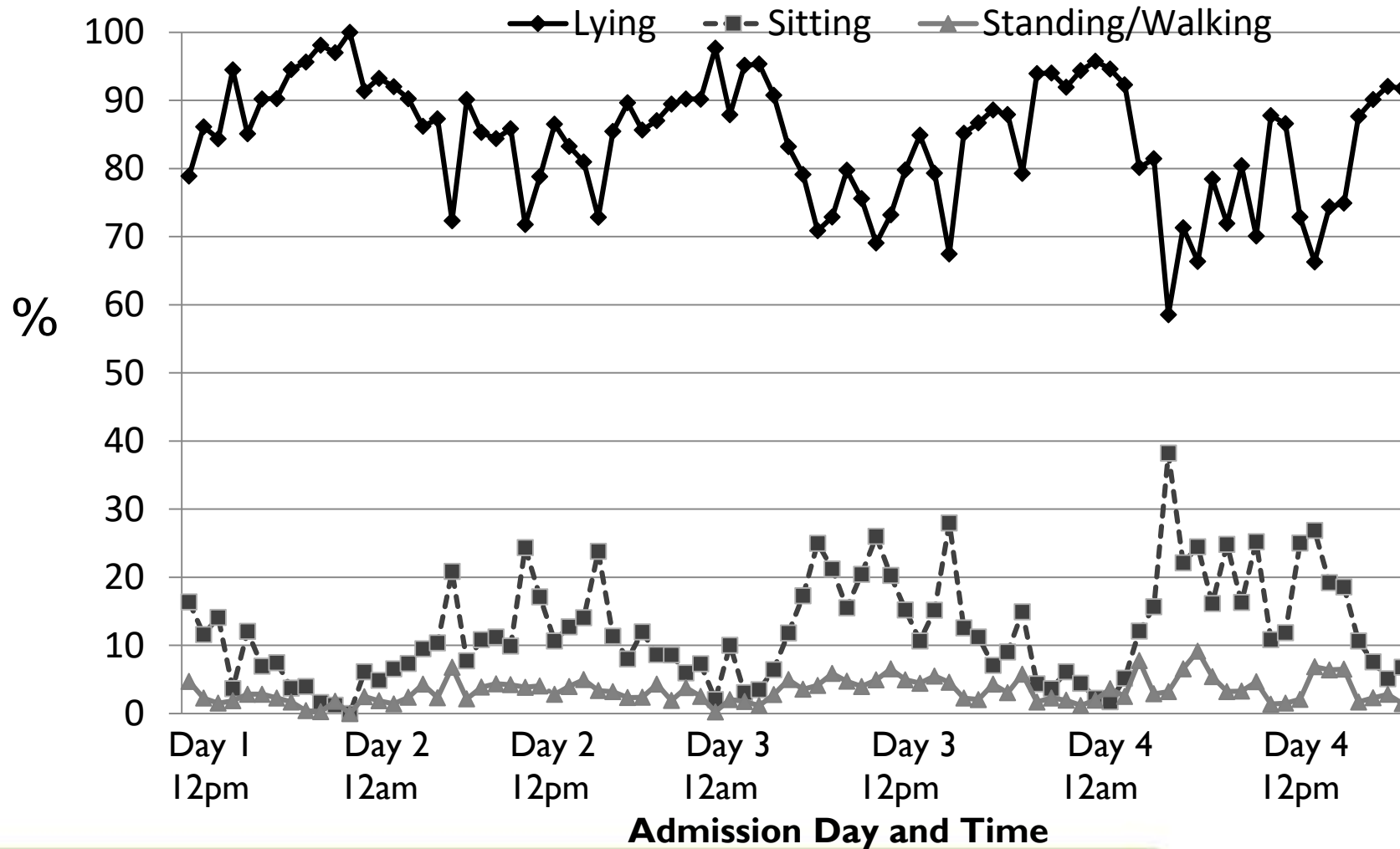
# Epidemic of Low Mobility

- 45 hospitalized VA medical patients, age > 65 years admitted to medical wards
  - Ambulatory 2 weeks prior to admission
  - Cognitively intact
  - English speaking
  - Monitors attached within 48 hours of admission
- Mean proportion of time spent lying, sitting, and standing/walking determined for each hour after hospital admission

# Results

- Mean length of stay 5.1 days
- Generated 2592 one-hour periods of data
- No patient in bed entire hospital stay
- **83% of hospital stay spent lying in bed**
- Time spent standing/walking
  - Ranged from 0.2% to 21%
  - Median time was 3% or 43 minutes/day

# Hourly Mobility Levels





# Conclusions

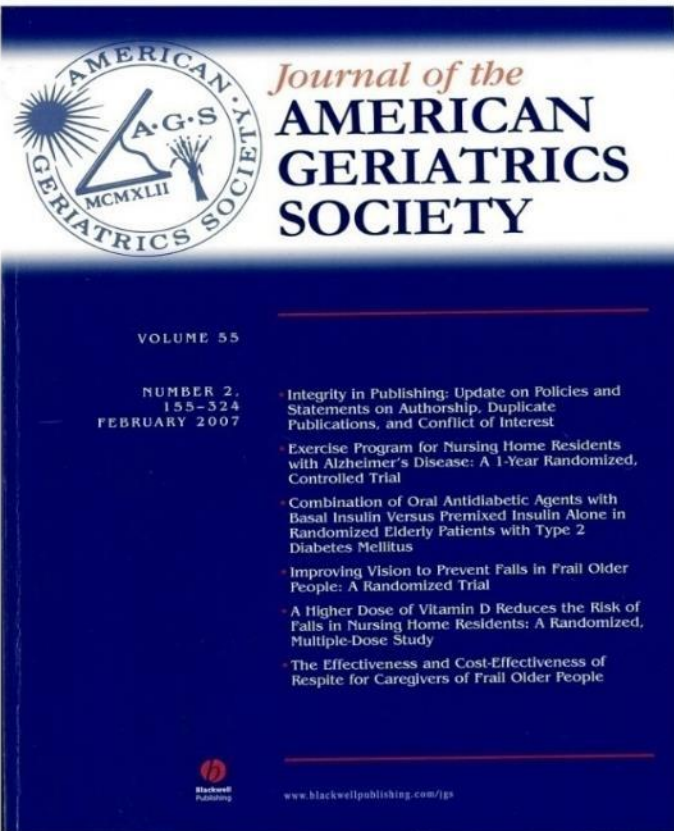
- First study to document mobility continuously over initial 7 days of hospitalization
- Found hospital patients spending at least 80% of time in bed
- On average, less than 43 minutes a day standing or walking
- Results duplicated:
  - Fisher et al. 57 minutes/day ambulatory
  - Pedersen et al. 1.1 hours/day standing/walking

# Developing an Intervention

# Previous Out of Bed Protocols

- Transporters used to walk patients during quiet periods, especially nights, week-ends<sup>1</sup>
  - Pilot study, demonstrated feasibility only
- Nurse driven protocol of progressive ambulation among patients with pneumonia<sup>2</sup>
  - No functional outcomes assessed

<sup>1</sup> Tucker, 2004    <sup>2</sup> Mundy, et al. Chest, 2003



King BJ, Steege LM, Winsor K, VanDenbergh S, Brown CJ. J Am Geriatr Soc. 2016;64(10):2088-2094.

## Getting Patients Walking: A Pilot Study of Mobilizing Older Adult Patients via a Nurse-Driven Intervention

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**OBJECTIVES:** To develop a system-based intervention including five components that target barriers to nurse-initiated patient ambulation.

**DESIGN:** Pilot study of Mobilizing Older adult patients Via a Nurse-driven intervention (MOVIN).

**SETTING:** Twenty-six bed general medical unit.

**PARTICIPANTS:** Nursing staff (registered nurses and certified nursing assistants) were recruited to participate in focus groups.

**MEASUREMENTS:** Information on frequency and distance patients ambulated and nursing staff documentation of patient ambulation were retrieved from the electronic medical record. Regression discontinuity analysis was used to determine a difference between the preintervention and intervention periods in ambulation occurrence, ambulation distance, and percentage of nursing documentation of ambulation. Thematic analysis was used to analyze focus group interviews.

**RESULTS:** A statistically significant increase in number of occurrences ( $t = 4.18$ ,  $P = .001$ ) and total distance ( $t = 2.75$ ,  $P = .01$ ) and a significantly higher positive slope in percentage of nursing documentation was found during the intervention than before the intervention. Thematic analysis identified three central categories (shifting ownership, finding support, making ambulation visible) that describe the effect of MOVIN on nursing staff behaviors and perceptions of the intervention.

**CONCLUSION:** Decreasing loss of independent ambulation in hospitalized older adults requires new and innovative approaches to addressing barriers that prevent nurse-initiated patient ambulation. MOVIN is a promising system-based intervention to promoting patient ambulation

and improving outcomes for hospitalized older adults. J Am Geriatr Soc. 64:2088-2094, 2016.

**Key words:** hospitalization; mobility; older adults; healthcare systems; qualitative evaluation

Up to 65% of older adults will lose their ability to ambulate independently during a hospital stay.<sup>1-4</sup> Loss of independent ambulation is associated with 22% greater likelihood of new nursing home placement,<sup>5</sup> fall during and after the hospital stay,<sup>6</sup> longer hospital stay and greater likelihood of readmission,<sup>7</sup> and higher mortality.<sup>8</sup> Limited ambulation and bed rest during the hospital stay have been identified as predictable causes of loss of independent ambulation in older adults.<sup>9</sup> Studies have found that hospitalized older adults spend between 83% and 96% of their time in bed.<sup>10,11</sup>

In hospital settings, registered nurses (RNs) are primarily responsible for promoting walking independence, but nurses infrequently walk patients.<sup>5,12</sup> Multiple system and personal barriers prevent nurse initiation of older adult ambulation. System barriers include lack of personnel to assist and walking devices; high nurse-to-patient ratio; use of callbells, restraints, and intravenous lines; inappropriate bed rest orders; pressure to decrease falls; and poor communication among RNs, certified nursing assistants (CNAs), and physical therapists (PTs) about patient ambulation needs.<sup>6,10,14</sup> Personal barriers for RNs include lack of confidence in being able to determine patient walking ability and in helping older adults ambulate and fear of reparation if patients fall while walking.<sup>14,15</sup>

Given the high prevalence of loss of independent ambulation in hospitalized older adults and the negative consequences, there is a critical need to design innovative system approaches that will address barriers that nursing staff face when trying to engage patients in ambulation. The Institute of Medicine<sup>16</sup> identifies that a systems approach is essential for improving quality outcomes in healthcare organizations. Innovations that do not use a

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# Mobilizing Older adult patients Via a Nurse-driven intervention (MOVIN)

## Nurse-driven intervention with 5 components:

1. Psychomotor skills training for nurses
2. Communication tools
3. Ambulation pathways
4. Ambulation resources
5. Ambulation culture

# Results

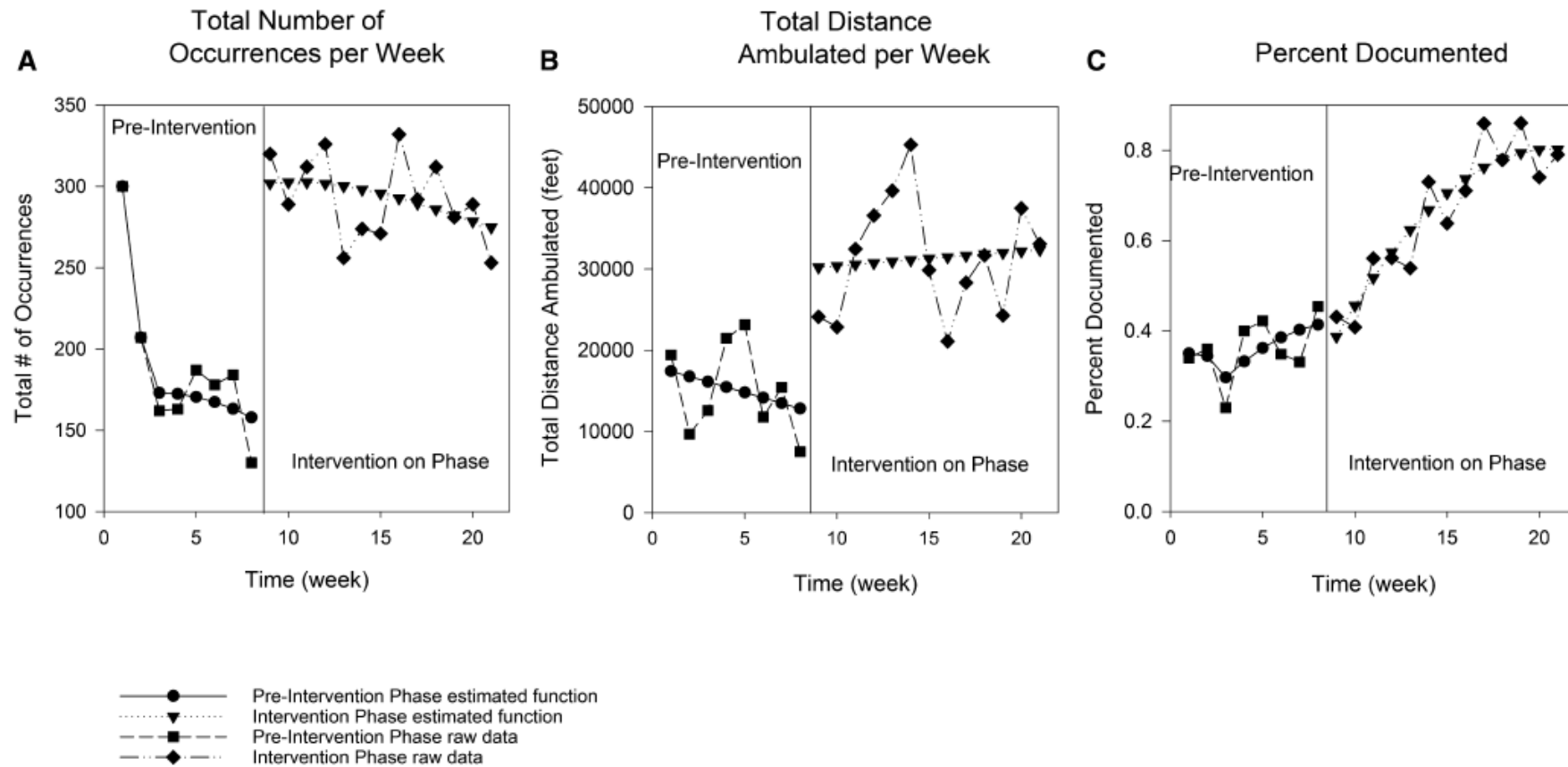


Figure 1. (A) Ambulation frequency. (B) Ambulation distance. (C) Numeric documentation.

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## Feasibility of progressive sit-to-stand training among older hospitalized patients

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### ABSTRACT

**Background.** In older patients, hospitalization is associated with a decline in functional performance and loss of muscle strength. Loss of muscle strength and functional performance can be prevented by systematic strength training, but details are lacking regarding the optimal exercise program and dose for older patients. Therefore, our aim was to test the feasibility of a progression model for loaded sit-to-stand training among older hospitalized patients.

**Methods.** This is a prospective cohort study conducted as a feasibility study prior to a full-scale trial. We included twenty-four older patients ( $\geq 65$  yrs) acutely admitted from their own home to the medical services of the hospital. We developed an 8-level progression model for loaded sit-to-stands, which we named STAND. We used STAND as a model to describe how to perform the sit-to-stand exercise as a strength training exercise aimed at reaching a relative load of 8–12 repetitions maximum (RM) for 8–12 repetitions. Weight could be added by the use of a weight vest when needed. The ability of the patients to reach the intended relative load (8–12 RM), while performing sit-to-stands following the STAND model, was tested once during hospitalization and once following discharge in their own homes. A structured interview including assessment of possible modifiers (cognitive status by the Short Orientation Memory test and mobility by the De Morton Mobility Index) was administered both on admission to the hospital and in the home setting. The STAND model was considered feasible if: (1) 75% of the assessed patients could perform the exercise at a given level of the model reaching 8–12 repetitions at a relative load of 8–12 RM for one set of exercise in the hospital and two sets of exercise at home; (2) no ceiling or floor effect was seen; (3) no indication of adverse events were observed.

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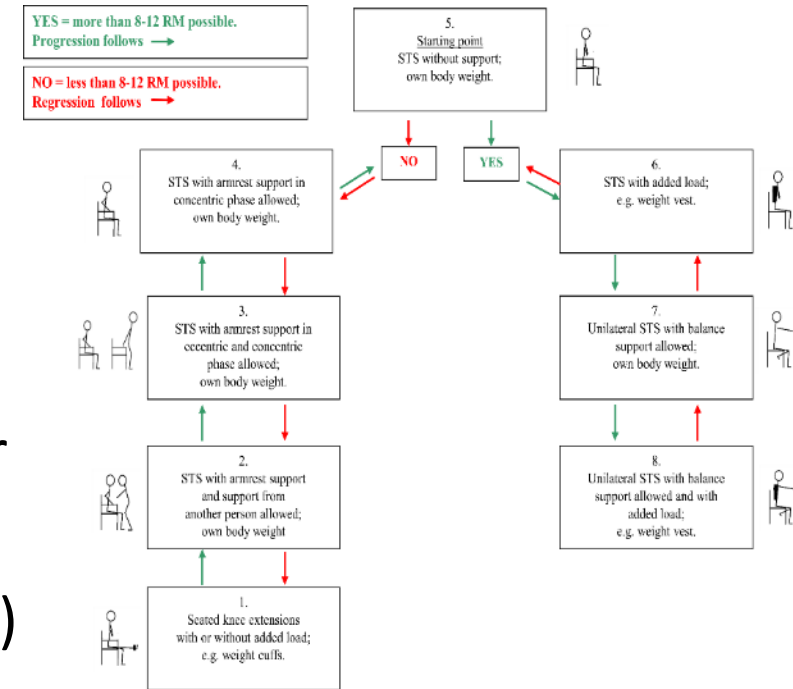
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# Progressive Sit-to-Stand Training

- Developed a progression model for loaded sit-to-stand exercise
- Tested feasibility in patients  $\geq 65$  years and found:
  - 83% could perform in hospital
  - Progression or regression possible for all patients
  - No indication of adverse events (pain)



STS: Sit-to-stand; 8-12 RM: 8-12 repetitions maximum (a zone in which muscular fatigue should be reached)





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### Original Investigation

## Comparison of Posthospitalization Function and Community Mobility in Hospital Mobility Program and Usual Care Patients: A Randomized Clinical Trial

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**IMPORTANCE:** Low mobility is common during hospitalization and associated with loss or declines in ability to perform activities of daily living (ADL) and limitations in community mobility.

**OBJECTIVE:** To examine the effect of an in-hospital mobility program (MP) on posthospitalization function and community mobility.

**DESIGN, SETTING, AND PARTICIPANTS:** This single-blind randomized clinical trial used masked assessors to compare a MP with usual care (UC). Patients admitted to the medical wards of the Birmingham Veterans Affairs Medical Center from January 12, 2012, through June 29, 2014, were followed up throughout hospitalization with 1-month posthospitalization telephone follow-up. One hundred hospitalized patients 65 years or older were randomly assigned to the MP or UC groups. Patients were cognitively intact and able to walk 2 weeks before hospitalization. Data analysis was performed from November 25, 2012, to March 14, 2016.

**INTERVENTIONS:** Patients in the MP group were assisted with ambulation up to twice daily, and a behavioral strategy was used to encourage mobility. Patients in the UC group received twice-daily visits.

**MAIN RESULTS AND MEASURES:** Changes in self-reported ADL and community mobility were assessed using the Katz ADL scale and the University of Alabama at Birmingham Study of Aging Life-Space Assessment (LSA), respectively. The LSA measures community mobility based on the distance through which a person reports moving during the preceding 4 weeks.

**RESULTS:** Of 100 patients, 8 did not complete the study (6 in the MP group and 2 in the UC group). Patients (mean age, 73.9 years; 97 male [97.0%], and 19 black [19.0%]) had a median length of stay of 3 days. No significant differences were found between groups at baseline. For all periods, groups were similar in ability to perform ADL; however, at 1-month after hospitalization, the LSA score was significantly higher in the MP (LSA score, 52.5) compared with the UC group (LSA score, 41.6) ( $P = .02$ ). For the MP group, the 1-month posthospitalization LSA score was similar to the LSA score measured at admission. For the UC group, the LSA score decreased by approximately 10 points.

**CONCLUSIONS AND RELEVANCE:** A simple MP intervention had no effect on ADL function. However, the MP intervention enabled patients to maintain their prehospitalization community mobility, whereas those in the UC group experienced clinically significant declines. Lower life-space mobility is associated with increased risk of death, nursing home admission, and functional decline, suggesting that declines such as those observed in the UC group would be of great clinical importance.

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# Methods

- 100 patients from Birmingham VAMC
  - Not delirious or demented, walking 2 weeks PTA
- Randomly assigned to Mobility Program (MP) or Usual Care (UC)
- Assessments by blinded assessors
- One month telephone follow-up
- Physicians blinded to assure no change in usual care (e.g. activity orders, PT consults)

# Methods (cont.)

## Mobility Program (MP)

- Twice daily walks with assistance
- Provision of rolling walker, if needed & safe
- Provision of folder; document goals; track sitting, walking
- Daily motivational interviewing; focus on goals & barriers

## Usual Care (UC)

- Twice daily friendly visits
- Provision of folders; document friendly messages and track visitors

# Assessments and Analyses

## **In-Hospital**

- ADL ability
- Baseline LSA
- Depression
- APACHE II
- Charlson Comorbidity
- Chart review for LOS, PT consults

## **One month follow-up**

- ADL ability
- Post-hospital LSA

## **Analyses**

- Multiple imputations methods used for missing values

# Baseline Characteristics

| N = 100                 | Usual Care  | Walking Program | P value |
|-------------------------|-------------|-----------------|---------|
| Age                     | 73.4 ± 7.0  | 74.4 ± 6.9      | 0.48    |
| Gender, male            | 49 (98%)    | 48 (96%)        | 0.56    |
| Race, black             | 8 (16%)     | 11 (22%)        | 0.44    |
| LOS, mean               | 3.6 ± 2.4   | 4.6 ± 4.0       | 0.13    |
| median                  | 3.0         | 3.0             |         |
| GDS                     | 5.0 ± 3.0   | 4.7 ± 3.2       | 0.63    |
| Charlson<br>Comorbidity | 4.1 ± 2.6   | 4.4 ± 2.4       | 0.55    |
| APACHE                  | 15.3 ± 11.8 | 14.3 ± 10.6     | 0.67    |
| PT Ordered              | 17 (34%)    | 22 (44%)        | 0.30    |

# Results

- In hospital, 3 falls in 2 patients reported – all in UC group
- 8 participants did not complete study;  
2 UC and 6 MP
  - Death (n=3; 2MP, 1UC)
  - Medical complications (n=4, 4MP)
  - Patient refusal (n=1, 1UC)

# Pre-Post Hospital Function

|                   | <b>Usual Care</b> | <b>Mobility Program</b> | <b>P value</b> |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Baseline ADL      | 8.7 ± 0.33        | 8.4 ± 0.27              | 0.49           |
| Post-Hospital ADL | 8.2 ± 0.32        | 8.2 ± 0.30              | 0.99           |

P-values for group differences between pre and post hospital outcomes adjusted for baseline, age, gender, race.

# Pre-Post Hospital Life-Space Assessment

|                   | Usual Care         | Mobility Program   | P value    |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Baseline LSA      | 51.5 (2.99)        | 53.9 (4.15)        | 0.46       |
| Post-Hospital LSA | <b>41.8 (3.15)</b> | <b>52.6 (4.39)</b> | <b>.02</b> |

P-values for group differences between pre and post hospital outcomes adjusted for baseline, age, gender, race



# Take Home Points

- Older adults spend significant proportion of hospital stay in bed.
- Many barriers to hospital mobility modifiable.
- Our small RCT demonstrates feasibility, safety and efficacy of a hospital mobility program.
- Others have shown success with sit to stand training.
- Next steps include larger trials to determine best methods for improving hospital mobility.

# Mobility in the Hospitalized Older Adult

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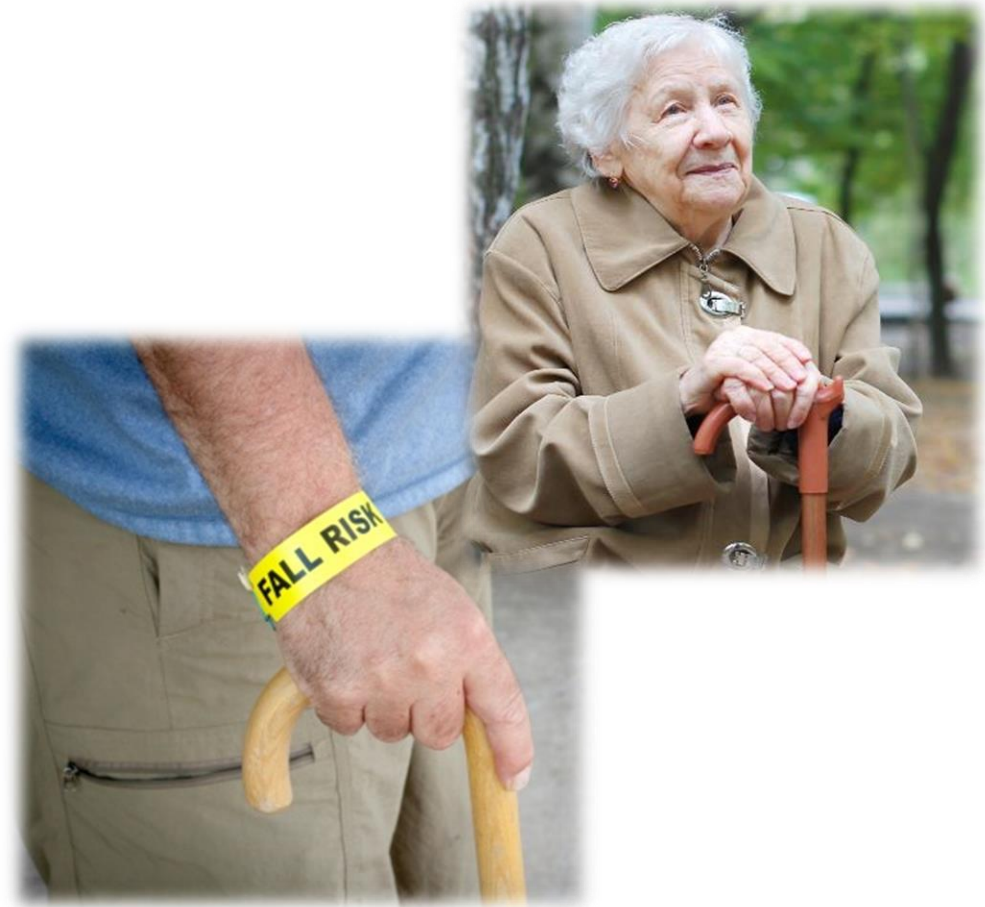
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# Get Up Resources

*[IHAconnect.org/Quality-Patient-Safety](https://IHAconnect.org/Quality-Patient-Safety)*

# How Can IHA Help?

- *What resources do you need to help with your improvement efforts?*



# IHA Resource Sheet

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## GET UP


GET UP focuses on mobilizing patients to return to function more quickly.

Keeping a patient mobile is key to helping them avoid various types of harm. Maintaining a continued emphasis on mobility can assist in the prevention of several harm events, including CAUTI, delirium, falls, HAPI/U, readmissions, VAE and VTE.



There are many resources available at [HRET-HIIN.org](http://HRET-HIIN.org), including those below, to help your organization address these harm events and engage with the UP Campaign.

| GET UP Resources  |   |
|---|---|
| Including HRET HIIN topic Change Package, Checklist, past webinar recordings and additional resources |   |
| Topic   | Link  |
| Introduction to the UP Campaign   | <a href="http://www.hret-hiin.org/Resources/up_campaign/17/up_campaign_presentation_generic.pdf">http://www.hret-hiin.org/Resources/up_campaign/17/up_campaign_presentation_generic.pdf</a> |
| GET UP Virtual Event - Move It Or Lose It   | <a href="http://youtu.be/5i-NAKmeT">http://youtu.be/5i-NAKmeT</a>   |
| CAUTI   | <a href="http://www.hret-hiin.org/topics/catheter-associated-urinary-track-infection.shtml">http://www.hret-hiin.org/topics/catheter-associated-urinary-track-infection.shtml</a>           |
| Delirium  | <a href="http://www.hret-hiin.org/topics/atrogenic-delirium.shtml">http://www.hret-hiin.org/topics/atrogenic-delirium.shtml</a>   |
| Falls   | <a href="http://www.hret-hiin.org/topics/injuries-from-falls-immobility.shtml">http://www.hret-hiin.org/topics/injuries-from-falls-immobility.shtml</a>                                     |
| Pressure Ulcers/Injuries  | <a href="http://www.hret-hiin.org/topics/pressure-ulcers.shtml">http://www.hret-hiin.org/topics/pressure-ulcers.shtml</a>   |
| Readmissions  | <a href="http://www.hret-hiin.org/topics/readmissions.shtml">http://www.hret-hiin.org/topics/readmissions.shtml</a>   |
| VAE   | <a href="http://www.hret-hiin.org/topics/ventilator-associated-event.shtml">http://www.hret-hiin.org/topics/ventilator-associated-event.shtml</a>   |
| VTE   | <a href="http://www.hret-hiin.org/topics/venous-thromboembolism.shtml">http://www.hret-hiin.org/topics/venous-thromboembolism.shtml</a>   |

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## GET UP Resources

View the below resources for information on various harms topics and how increasing mobility can prevent these harms.

**Pressure Ulcer/Injury:**

- A National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel White Paper <http://www.npuap.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/NPUAP-Lit-Sling-White-Paper-March-2015.pdf>
- HAPI Sacral Injury Prevention Checklist [http://www.hret-hiin.org/resources/pu/17/hapi\\_sacral\\_injury\\_checklist.pdf](http://www.hret-hiin.org/resources/pu/17/hapi_sacral_injury_checklist.pdf)

**Falls:**

- HRET HIIN Fall Teach-Back Tool [http://www.hret-hiin.org/Resources/Falls/17/falls\\_teach\\_back\\_tool.pdf](http://www.hret-hiin.org/Resources/Falls/17/falls_teach_back_tool.pdf)
- Falls Test Performance Worksheet [http://www.hret-hiin.org/Resources/Falls/17/test\\_performance\\_measure\\_worksheet.pdf](http://www.hret-hiin.org/Resources/Falls/17/test_performance_measure_worksheet.pdf)
- Preventing Falls in the Bathroom <https://vimeo.com/201006726/d555a3d939>
- Fall Mat Demonstration <https://vimeo.com/210807027/2fb8f8a6>
- The Tension Between Promoting Mobility and Preventing Falls in the Hospital <http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamainternalmedicine/article-abstract/2621835>

**CAUTI:**

- Impact of two-step urine culture ordering in the emergency department: a time series analysis <http://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/early/2017/05/03/bmjqs-2016-006250>
- Culturing Practices Matter: Spotlight on Asymptomatic Bacteriuria [http://www.hret-hiin.org/resources/cauti/17/20170627\\_cauti\\_slides.pdf](http://www.hret-hiin.org/resources/cauti/17/20170627_cauti_slides.pdf)

**VAE:**

- Toolkit To Improve Safety for Mechanically Ventilated Patients <https://www.ahrq.gov/professionals/quality-patient-safety/haps/tools/mvp/index.html>
- Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center <http://www.hret-hiin.org/Resources/vae/16/VAE-Our-Lady-Lourdes-Regional-Medical-Center-Case-Study.pdf>
- St. Jude Medical Center VAE Case Study <http://www.hret-hiin.org/Resources/vae/16/VAE-St-Jude-Medical-Center-Case-Study.pdf>

**Early Progressive Mobility:**

- Introduction to Progressive Mobility <http://ccn.aacnjournals.org/content/30/2/53>
- Implementation of Early Exercise and Progressive Mobility: Steps to Success <http://ccn.aacnjournals.org/content/35/1/82.full>
- Get your patients moving — now! <https://www.americannursestoday.com/get-patients-moving-now/>
- Advancing the Science and Technology of Progressive Mobility <http://trainingworlds.org/MainMenuCategories/WorkplaceSafety/Healthy-Work-Environment/SafePatient/Advancing-the-Science-and-Technology-of-Progressive-Mobility.PDF>


# HRET Change Package/Fact Sheet



### 2017 Falls Top Ten Checklist

| PROCESS CHANGE   |                          |
|--|--------------------------|
| 1. Assemble a multidisciplinary falls team with an executive sponsor, front-line staff from nursing and rehab, management support, physical therapy, physician and pharmacy representatives to oversee the strategic plan for the fall injury prevention program.  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Engage all levels of staff and disciplines in creating a safe environment that is free of tripping and slipping hazards and is responsive to patient needs, i.e., "no pass zone" and environmental rounds. Review all falls in leadership huddles to raise awareness of hazards and contributing factors.                   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Identify high risk/vulnerable populations upon admission to receive a multifactorial falls assessment. Do not rely on a risk score alone. Examples: patients admitted with a fall, patients with a history of fall in the past six months, patients over 65, ABCS criteria, depending upon the population served.           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Provide multifactorial assessments and targeted interventions for high risk or vulnerable elderly patients. Assess for and address risk factors associated with gait, balance and mobility, medications, cognitive assessment, heart rate and rhythm, postural hypotension, feet and footwear and home environment hazards. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Communicate risk across the team: EMR Banners, hand-offs, visual cues, huddles and whiteboards.   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Round every one to two hours on patients; address the five P's—pain, position, personal belongings, pathway and potty. Escalate rounding frequency to meet patient needs.   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Implement mobility plans for all patients to preserve function and prevent hazards of immobility: rehab referral and collaboration for a progressive activity and ambulation program.   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Review medications—avoid unnecessary hypnotics and sedatives and remove culprit medications from order sets. Target high-risk or vulnerable patients for pharmacist medication review.  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. Include patients, families and caregivers in efforts to prevent falls. Provide structured education apart from admission orientation. Educate using teach-back regarding fall prevention measures and encourage family members to stay with high-risk, vulnerable patients.   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. Conduct post-fall huddles at the bedside with patient and family immediately after the fall to analyze how and why the fall occurred, and implement change(s) to prevent future falls. Include a pharmacist and rehab staff member in the post-fall huddle or case review.   | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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### Falls with Injury Data Collection Fact Sheet (HIIN-Falls-1)

|                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Numerator</b>                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total number of falls rating minor or greater during the measurement period. NDNQI definitions for injury can be found in the Agency for Healthcare Research &amp; Quality (AHRQ)'s comprehensive resource for measuring fall rates and fall prevention practices. The resource is available online at the following link: <a href="http://www.ahrq.gov/professionals/system/hospital/fallprotocols/index.html">http://www.ahrq.gov/professionals/system/hospital/fallprotocols/index.html</a></li> </ul>   |
| <b>Denominator</b>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patient days in eligible or included units during the measurement period.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Numerator Inclusions</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Included populations: Inpatients, short stay, observation patients, and same day surgery patients that receive care on an eligible unit.</li> <li>Eligible units: Adult critical care, step-down, medical, surgical, medical-surgical, critical access, inpatient adult rehabilitation.</li> <li>Hospitals may choose to include additional units that serve vulnerable populations such as geriatric-psychiatric units. Inclusion of additional units is up to site discretion but must remain consistent throughout entirety of the HIIN project.</li> <li>Assisted and unassisted falls</li> </ul> |
| <b>Numerator Exclusion</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Excluded unit types: pediatric, psychiatric, and obstetric</li> <li>Visitor and staff falls with injury</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Data Sources</b>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incident or Event Reports</li> <li>Administrative Data</li> <li>Post Fall Huddle Reports</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Frequently Asked Questions</b> | <p><b>Q:</b> Are swing beds excluded?<br/><b>A:</b> The Falls with Injury measure focuses on patients receiving inpatient care. If the swing bed is being used for any of the included types of care as listed above, the days are included. In all cases data must be collected consistently across the entirety of the HIIN project.</p>   |

Falls with injury measure detail: [falls-with-injury.NDE.0002](http://falls-with-injury.NDE.0002)

# Teach-Back Tool



## TEACH-BACK TOOL for Fall Prevention

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**PURPOSE OF TOOL:** TO GUIDE NURSES IN KEY COMPONENTS OF TEACHING FALL PREVENTION TO PATIENTS AND FAMILIES AND PROVIDE TEACH-BACK QUESTIONS THAT CAN BE USED TO EVALUATE THE PATIENT'S UNDERSTANDING.

*Reference: (Orlitzky, P (2014, December). Autonomy and the patient's right to choose fall prevention. American Nurse Today, 12(12). Retrieved on July, 2017 at: [www.nurses.com/resources/autonomy-and-the-patient-s-right-to-choose-fall-prevention/](http://www.nurses.com/resources/autonomy-and-the-patient-s-right-to-choose-fall-prevention/)*

**Using Teach-Back to Redesign Patient Teaching: Fall Prevention and Injury Protection Educate the Patient and Family within the first 24 hours of Admission.**

**The top 3 reasons you are at risk for falling and/or injury (Does your fall risk assessment and history support this?)**

1. Fallible because past experience
2. Fallible result in injury
3. Fallible make your hospital stay longer

**Two important safety reasons why you need to ask for help when needing to go to the bathroom**

1. The hospital bathroom not like yours at home and unfamiliar places can increase your risk of falling
2. Bathrooms are small areas because they are small and it is a high fall area bathroom safety

**Three actions you can take to stay safe**

1. Inform staff you fall risk factors
2. Call staff for help when the call light
3. Wait for help before you get out of bed or change clothes

**The main reason we want you to wear your non-slip shoes?**

Prevent foot from slipping on the floor, which increases your fall risk

**Chances not to ask for help: What happens if you experience an accident and that accident is a fall?**

1. You could be injured
2. You have to be hospitalized can be longer if you accident
3. You might be able to go home when you physical

**The three main points about using your call light**

1. Use your call light to call for help before you get up
2. Call light is located in the bed and in the bathroom
3. Show someone how use your call light in bed and in the bathroom

## KNOWLEDGE TEST AFTER AND RETURN DEMONSTRATION CHECKLIST:

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|---|--|--|--|
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**Ask for Return Demonstration, Show me:**

1. Location of call light — bedside
2. Use of call light — bedside
3. Location of call light — bathroom
4. Use of call light — bathroom
5. How old slippers correctly used
6. Other?

**Be sure to cover:**

1. What is your main problem?
2. What do I need to do for that problem?
3. Why is that important?

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# AHRQ Toolkit

## Preventing Falls in Hospitals

A Toolkit for Improving  
Quality of Care



Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality  
Advancing Excellence in Health Care

<https://www.ahrq.gov/professionals/systems/hospital/fallpxtoolkit/index.html>



# Social Media Messaging

- IHA has created messaging for both general public, health care providers
- Messaging provided for formats:

**Twitter**



**Facebook**



**LinkedIn**



**GET UP** ↑  
Mobilizing patients to return to function more quickly

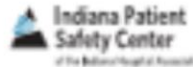

**G** **GO**  
Determine the resources in your institution and how you will implement a mobility program.

**E** **EVALUATE PATIENT CAPABILITIES**  
Which scale, tool or evaluation method will you use to evaluate?

**T** **TEAM UP FOR PROGRESSIVE MOBILITY**  
Rehab, nursing and respiratory join together to implement the mobility plan.

**U** **UNITE**  
Engage patients, families and friends in mobility progression.

**P** **PROMOTE PROGRESS**  
Measure and report unit mobility performance.

How are you incorporating GET UP within your organization?



<http://www.hret-hiin.org/engage/up-campaign.shtml>

# GET UP Webinar Series

**Oct. 31**-Early Progressive Mobility in the ICU  
Performance Improvement in a High Risk Unit

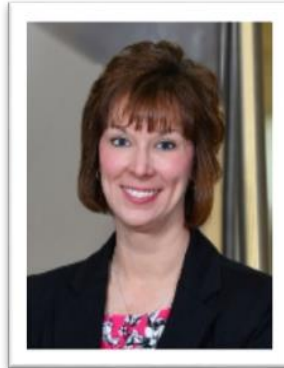
**Nov. 14**-HAPU Prevention with Early Mobility

**Dec. 12**-Multi-disciplinary Approach to Early Progressive Mobility

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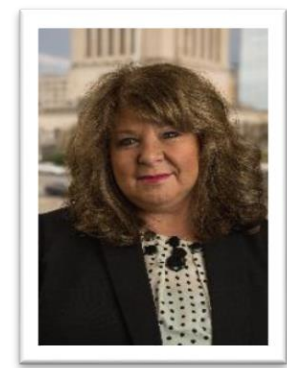
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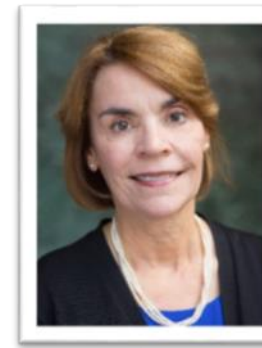
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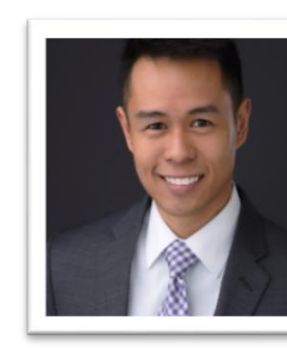
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