

*Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living (MHSAL) supports reporting and learning from patient safety events. The focus of a patient safety review is to closely look at the health care system that surrounds and interacts with those giving and receiving care. The goal is to identify risks to patient safety and recommend the most effective ways to minimize risk and improve the delivery of healthcare.*

## **Patient Safety Learning Advisory**

### **Fall with Hip Fracture**

**Summary:**

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The client was standing in the bathroom with a staff member. When the staff member moved away from the client, the client moved unexpectedly and fell to the floor. The fall resulted in a fractured hip.

**Keywords:** falls, multi-disciplinary team, universal falls prevention

**Device Name (if applicable):**

**Drug/Name/Fluid Name: (if applicable):**

**Type of Analysis:** single event

### **Findings of the Review:**

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- The client was unable to sit or stand independently due to weakness on one side which was documented in the mobility assessment notes.
- Lack of documentation on the resident's care plan of the individualized interventions required may have contributed to miscommunication about the need for a two-person assist and increased the risk of a fall.
- Documentation of the assistance that the resident required was inconsistent within different sections of the health record. This contributed to variation in practice.

### **System Learning:**

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- Promote staff education regarding the Falls Prevention and Management Policy and Procedure.
- Reinforce regional policy and procedure related to documentation in the resident health record.

**Date of Posting:**

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