

# Falls: Screening, Risk Assessment and Care Planning for Older Adult Patients in the Community

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Interactive Online Self-Paced Learning

## Program Overview

This activity focuses on falls screening, risk assessment and care planning from the perspective of ambulatory care clinical staff, using the STEADI ("Stopping Elderly Accidents, Deaths and Injuries") framework.

The scope of the problem and the need for adequate screening and intervention is presented along with practical workflows and steps to take to assess and address fall risk in the primary care setting.

Patient-centered communication and resources are highlighted as useful tools for primary care clinical team members (medical assistants, nurses and providers) to help their older adult patients reduce their risk of falling so they can live their best life.

## Who Should Participate

Clinical staff members from primary and specialty care practices and anyone interested in fall prevention.

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## Credit

- 1.0 Contact Hours from Northwest AHEC
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## Objectives

Upon completion of this knowledge-based program, participants should be better able to:

- Describe the physical and financial impact of falls among older adults.
- Describe ways to screen for falls and tools used to assess fall risk.
- Demonstrate a proactive approach to identify and fix fall hazards, including what patients and caregivers can do in their home.
- Employ evidence based, patient centered fall-related resources in their practice.

## Registration Fee

There is no fee for this activity.

## For More Information and Assistance

If you have any questions regarding registration, please contact Samantha Garvens by email, [sagarvens@wakehealth.edu](mailto:sagarvens@wakehealth.edu) or by phone at 336-713-7754.



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