

# DID YOU KNOW?



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## FALL PATIENTS

A fall may result in fractures, internal bleeding, or other serious health conditions which hospital staff may need to treat when receiving fall patients. One way we identify patients with a reported fall is through the trauma/injury panel in the ePCR.

*Appropriate and consistent documentation helps identify repeat fall patients who can be referred to CRR for a fall prevention care plan.*

Here are some key fields to document in the ePCR when encountering a patient who has a witnessed or unwitnessed fall;

- ✓ **Cause of Injury:** *multi-select*; ensure appropriate fall option(s) are selected in addition to other causes

Cause of Injury:

Fall ground level, slip, trip, or stumble

- ✓ **Height of Fall:** this helps determine whether other bodily functions need to be evaluated for impact

Height of Fall (feet):

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