

Patient Name:

NHS No:

Hosp No:

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**PATIENTS WHO HAVE FALLEN WHILST IN HOSPITAL -
POST FALL MEDICAL EXAMINATION (NICE REFS QS86 and CG176)**

Date and time of fall _____

Witnessed? Yes No By whom: _____

History of fall (including any trauma) _____

Any reported LOC? Yes No Unknown

Any reported post seizure activity? Yes No Unknown

Is patient on any anticoagulants? Yes No Details _____

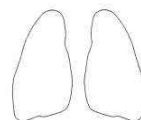
Observations post fall:

BM _____ Temperature _____ BP (lying) _____ BP (standing) _____

HR _____ RR _____ Sats _____

Airway:

Breathing:



Circulation:

(NB: ECG to be requested if cardiac cause for fall/collapse suspected)

MSK examination (document any injuries)	Neurological examination
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Comment on any signs/symptoms of potential spinal injury or fracture	GCS ____/15 <ul style="list-style-type: none">If GCS <15 (taking into account usual baseline GCS) – neuro obs to be performed every 30 minutes until GCS is 15.GCS is 15 – neuro obs to be performed every 30 minutes for 2 hours then hourly for next 4 hours then 2 hourly until all symptoms have resolved OR CT head has confirmed no bleed.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Was the patient moved prior to medical review?	
Other Injury sustained:	Any evidence of head injury? (circle as appropriate) Yes No Unknown

Plan: (including any requested xrays/scans – Ensure images are reviewed or handed over for review.)

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Signed: _____

Name and designation: _____

Date and time: _____

Indications for CT head following head injury:

(NICE head injury (2014) Quality standard 74)

For adults who sustain head injury and have any of the following risk factors (assuming patient's GCS before head injury was 15), CT head to be performed within 1hr of risk factor identification:

- GCS <13 when first assessed
- GCS <15 when assessed after 2 hours of the injury
- Suspected open or depressed skull fracture
- Sign of fracture at base of skull
- Seizure after head injury
- Focal neurological deficit
- >1 episode of vomiting
- For adults with the following risk factors who have experienced some loss of consciousness or amnesia since injury, perform CT head within 8hrs of injury:**
- Age 65 yrs or older
- Any history of bleeding or clotting disorders
- Those patients who have none of the indications above but have sustained a head injury in the presence of anti-coagulant treatment.