Figure 1. Falls Gap Analysis Results

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| **Clinical Practice Guideline Recommendations** | **Is this in our falls policy?** | **Are we following policy?** | **Comments** |
| **YES** | **NO** | **YES** | **NO** |  |
| 1. **Organizational Support for a Falls Prevention Program**
* Education of falls reduction policies & procedures
 | X |  |  |  |  |
| 1. **Establish a Process for Evaluation of the Hospitalized Patient on Admission for Risk of Falling**
* Standardized assessment tool
* Injury risk assessment
 | X | X | X |  | YES: Standardized toolNO: injury risk assessment |
| 1. **Perform Risk Assessments to Identify Risk Factors**
* Test for cognitive dysfunction and/or delirium
* Dementia
* Assess gait and mobility function
* Identify potential medication factors
* Perform an environmental safety assessment
 |  | X | X |  | Nursing assessment includes Mental status & ambulation, however, NOT falls relatedNo medication risk assessment |
| 1. **Communicate Risk Factors**
* Visual Communication

- Examples of visual identifiers/cues* Communication to patients and families:

Describe organizations falls prevention program – discuss how patient/family can assist with falls prevention and when/how to contact staff when necessary* Patient Education
* Communication to members of the health care team who come in contact with the patient
 | X |  | X |  |  |
| 1. **Perform Risk Factor Interventions**
* Establish universal falls interventions for all patients

- Implement behavioral interventions- Implement impaired mobility interventions* Perform environmental rounds
 | X |  |  | X | No specific behavioral or mobility interventions in place |
| 1. **Observation and Surveillance**
* Intentional/hourly rounding
* Reassess
* At shift change
* Clinical status change
* Following a fall
* Sitters
 | X |  |  | X | Hourly rounding completed but rigor with full rounding process inconsistent |
| 1. **Auditing, Continuous Learning and Improvement**
* Perform safety huddles
* Create action plan for future
 | X |  |  | X | Safety Debriefs are performed, however, need improvement and an interdisciplinary team to review trends, data and specific cases |