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 tool  NO: 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 related  No 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 |