

Title	Falls among elderly patients in care facilities (short and long-term)
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Aim

Falls and fall-related injuries are frequent and serious problems for elderly patients in hospitals and short and long-term care facilities. This being a matter of concern for the Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux (MSSS), it sought input from the Institut national d'excellence en santé et en services sociaux (INESSS).

Methods

The Institut was asked to produce a 3-part summary of the different references identified in the scientific literature, as follows:

- Identify studies conducted in health-care facilities (short and long-term care) that assessed the specific impact of delirium management strategies on the rate of falls in patients in such facilities.
- Provide a reference list of studies that defined methods for classifying patients based on their risk of falls in short and long-term care facilities.
- Identify studies conducted in health-care facilities (short and long-term care) that assessed interventions to reduce the rate of falls in patients in these facilities.

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