

# Post Fall Algorithm

## First Responder

- Stay with patient. Call for help.
- Check patient for pain or injury, check LOC
- Report fall to licensed personnel.
- Provide comfort measures until licensed staff member arrives and assesses patient for injury

### Licensed Provider:

- Assesses patient ASAP after fall
- Provides follow-up orders, medical, and diagnostic work-up, and care as indicated
- Reviews patient's medications. If patient is on anticoagulation therapy and has struck head, consider indication for radiographic exams, including head CT or MRI
- If patient shows change in neurological status, considers transfer to a higher level of care.
- Notifies emergency contact and documents notification in medical record
- Recommends additional steps for fall prevention

### RN Staff:

- If patient has struck head/face and/or is on anticoagulation therapy, immediately notify physician, and initiate neuro checks. If physician does not respond at bedside within the hour, follow medical chain of command.
- Documents clinical status and description of fall in medical record
- Completes Fall Risk Reassessment and updates care plan
- Implements additional intervention as needed or as ordered. (e.g., increased level of supervision)