

Falls and Inability to Ambulate

Definition

Patients unable to ambulate (with their usual mobility aides) due to a medical condition or musculoskeletal injury.

Disposition

Any significant fracture should be evaluated by Orthopedic Surgery and admitted to their service if it is operable. Non-operable injuries from mechanical fall with inability to ambulate are admitted to Family Medicine.

Caveats

Medically unstable patients and patients with a medical reason for falls should have a GIM consultation.

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Flowchart

