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Advances in Fall Prevention

Message from the Guest Editors

According to the National Safety Council (NCS), National Council on Aging (NCOA), and Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), falls are one of the major contributors to both fatal and non-fatal injuries across various populations (e.g., clinical, elderly, and occupational). Falls are also extremely common in various environments such as at home, at nursing home facilities, at long term care facilities, and at the workplace. Falls and fall-related injuries can be attributed to postural instability caused by an induced loss of balance and failure to recover from the imbalance. Falls can happen due to a variety of intrinsic (human) factors and extrinsic (environmental) factors, and can be of different types, such as loss-ofbalance-induced, slip-induced, trip-induced, and external-perturbation-induced, and can also be from elevated levels or at ground levels.

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