

CDC Falls 65 and Older v1
Definition Factsheet & Technical Brief

Description: Initial unintentional fall-related ED visits among older adults (aged ≥ 65 years). Exclusions include conditions such as seizure, stroke, cardiac arrest, or heart attack when presented without an ICD-10-CM code specific to unintentional falls. Query has been limited to return results in those aged 65 or older.

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Table 1. Inclusion and exclusion terms.

Terms	Description
<i>Inclusion</i>	
International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM)	
V00.111	Fall from in-line roller-skates
V00.121	Fall from non-in-line roller-skates
V00.131	Fall from skateboard
V00.141	Fall from scooter (nonmotorized)
V00.151	Fall from heelies
V00.181	Fall from other rolling-type pedestrian conveyance
V00.211	Fall from ice-skates
V00.221	Fall from sled
V00.281	Fall from other gliding-type pedestrian conveyance
V00.311	Fall from snowboard
V00.321	Fall from snow-skis
V00.381	Fall from other flat-bottomed pedestrian conveyance
V00.811	Fall from moving wheelchair (powered)
V00.821	Fall from baby stroller
V00.831	Fall from motorized mobility scooter
V00.891	Fall from other pedestrian conveyance
W00	Fall due to ice and snow
W01	Fall on same level from slipping, tripping and stumbling
W02	Fall involving ice-skates, skis, roller-skates or skateboards
W03	Other fall on same level due to collision with another person
W04	Fall while being carried or supported by other persons
W05	Fall from non-moving wheelchair, nonmotorized scooter and motorized mobility scooter

Terms	Description
W06	Fall from bed
W07	Fall from chair
W08	Fall from other furniture
W09	Fall on and from playground equipment
W10	Fall on and from stairs and steps
W11	Fall on and from ladder
W12	Fall on and from scaffolding
W13	Fall from, out of or through building or structure
W14	Fall from tree
W15	Fall from cliff
W17	Other fall from one level to another
W19	Unspecified fall
W16.012	Fall into swimming pool striking water surface causing other injury
W16.022	Fall into swimming pool striking bottom causing other injury
W16.032	Fall into swimming pool striking wall causing other injury
W16.112	Fall into natural body of water striking water surface causing other injury
W16.122	Fall into natural body of water striking bottom causing other injury
W16.132	Fall into natural body of water striking side causing other injury
W16.212	Fall in (into) filled bathtub causing other injury
W16.222	Fall in (into) bucket of water causing other injury
W16.312	Fall into other water striking water surface causing other injury
W16.322	Fall into other water striking bottom causing other injury
W16.332	Fall into other water striking wall causing other injury
W16.42	Fall into unspecified water causing other injury
W16.512	Jumping or diving into swimming pool striking water surface causing other injury
W16.522	Jumping or diving into swimming pool striking bottom causing other injury
W16.532	Jumping or diving into swimming pool striking wall causing other injury
W16.612	Jumping or diving into natural body of water striking water surface causing other injury
W16.622	Jumping or diving into natural body of water striking bottom causing other injury
W16.632	Jumping or diving into natural body of water striking side causing other injury
W16.712	Jumping or diving from boat striking water surface causing other injury
W16.722	Jumping or diving from boat striking bottom causing other injury

Terms	Description
W16.812	Jumping or diving into other water striking water surface causing other injury
W16.822	Jumping or diving into other water striking bottom causing other injury
W16.832	Jumping or diving into other water striking wall causing other injury
W16.92	Jumping or diving into unspecified water causing other injury
W18.1	Fall from or off toilet
W18.2	Fall in (into) shower or empty bathtub
W18.3	Other and unspecified fall on same level
Chief Complaint	
rolled off bed	
rolled out of bed	
los^balance	
stumb	
slip	
trip	
fall	
fell	
Exclusion	
International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM)	
W20	Struck by thrown, projected or falling object
V80	Animal-rider or occupant of animal-drawn vehicle injured in transport accident
International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) Exception to Chief Complaint Exclusion Logic	
Z86	Personal history of certain other diseases
International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) Subsequent/Sequela Encounter Code Logic	
[WV][01]___[DS]	
[WV][01]_.__[DS]	
[WV][01]___[A]	
[WV][01]_.__[A]	
Chief Complaint – Exclusions from Slip Term	
dyslipidemia	
pink slip	
slipped dis	

Terms	Description
slip dis	
disc slip	
slipper	
Chief Complaint – Exclusions from Trip Term	
atrip	
amytript	
trip to	
strip	
lithotripsy	
tripod	
bus trip	
triple	
Chief Complaint – Exclusions from Fall/Fell Terms	
fallopian	
no fall	
denies fall	
denies any fall	
denies recent fall	
denies any recent fall	
without fall	
w/o fall	
catheter fell	
tube fell	
Chief Complaint – Global Exclusions from Fall-Related Terms	
asleep	
assault	
assult	
altercation	
fight	
suicid	
seizure	
heart attack	

Terms	Description
stroke	
ischemic attack	
cardiac arrest	
Chief Complaint – Nested Together with AND for Global Exclusion	
collision	
vehicle	
Chief Complaint	
history of stroke	

Table 2. ESSENCE syntax.

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(, (^rolled off bed^,or,^rolled out of bed^,or,^los^balance^,or,^stumb|^,or,^slip^,andnot,(^dyslipidemia^,or,^pink slip^,or,^slipped dis^,or,^slip dis^,or,^disc slip^,or,^slipper^),or,^trip^,andnot,(^atrip^,or,^amyript^,or,^trip to^,or,^strip^,or,^lithotripsy^,or,^tripod^,or,^bus trip^,or,^triple^),or,(^fall^,andnot,(^fallopian^,or,^no fall^,or,^denies fall^,or, ^denies any fall^,or,^denies recent fall^,or,^denies any recent fall^,or,^without fall^,or,^w/o fall^),or, ^fell^,andnot,(^catheter fell^,or,^tube fell^),),andnot, (^asleep^,or,^[/ ]W20^,or,^[/ ]V80^,or,^assault^,or,^assult^,or,^altercation^,or,^fight^,or,^suicid^,or,^seizure^,or, ^heart attack^,or,^stroke^,andnot,^history of stroke^,or,(^ischemic attack^,or,^cardiac arrest^),andnot,^[/ ]Z86^,or,(^collision^,and,^vehicle^),),),or,(^[/ ]V00[1-8]_1^,or,^[/ ]V00.[1-8]_1^,or,^[/ ]W0^,or,^[/ ]W1[0-579]^,or,^[/ ]W16[01235678]_2^,or,^[/ ]W16.[01235678]_2^,or,^[/ ]W1642^,or,^[/ ]W16.42^,or,^[/ ]W1692^,or,^[/ ]W16.92^,or,^[/ ]W18[1-3]^,or,^[/ ]W18.[1-3]^),),andnot,(,^[/ ]WV[01] [DS]^,or,^[/ ]WV[01] . [DS]^),andnot,(^[/ ]WV[01] [A ]^,or,^[/ ]WV[01] . [A ]^),)
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