Fall Risk Score Calculation (use colored red pen for high, yellow for medium, blue for low on vial or med list)

**Medication Fall Risk Score**

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| Point Value (Risk Level) | American Hospital Formulary Service Class | Comments |
| 3 (High) | Analgesics,\*\* antipsychotics, anticonvulsants, benzodiazepines† | Sedation, dizziness, postural disturbances, altered gait and balance, impaired cognition |
| 2 (Medium) | Antihypertensives, cardiac drugs, antiarrhythmics, antidepressants | Induced orthostasis, impaired cerebral perfusion, poor health status |
| 1 (Low) | Diuretics | Increased ambulation, induced orthostasis |
| Score ≥ 6 |  | Higher risk for fall; evaluate patient |

\*\* Includes opiates.

† Although not included in the original scoring system, the falls toolkit team recommends that you include non-benzodiazepine sedative-hypnotic drugs (e.g., zolpidem) in this category.

**FINAL SCORE:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**INTERVENTIONS REQUIRED:   \_\_\_\_ In-Visit Counselling Required \_\_\_\_\_**

A more detailed assessment of each patient’s medication list for fall prevention may be required at the primary care level.

\*Adapted for use by Dragatsi & Co. for initial screening, Fall Prevention Week 2016 from the AHRQ Medication Fall Risk Tools

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