

# Carnegie Tri-County Memorial Hospital Fall Prevention Program Initiative



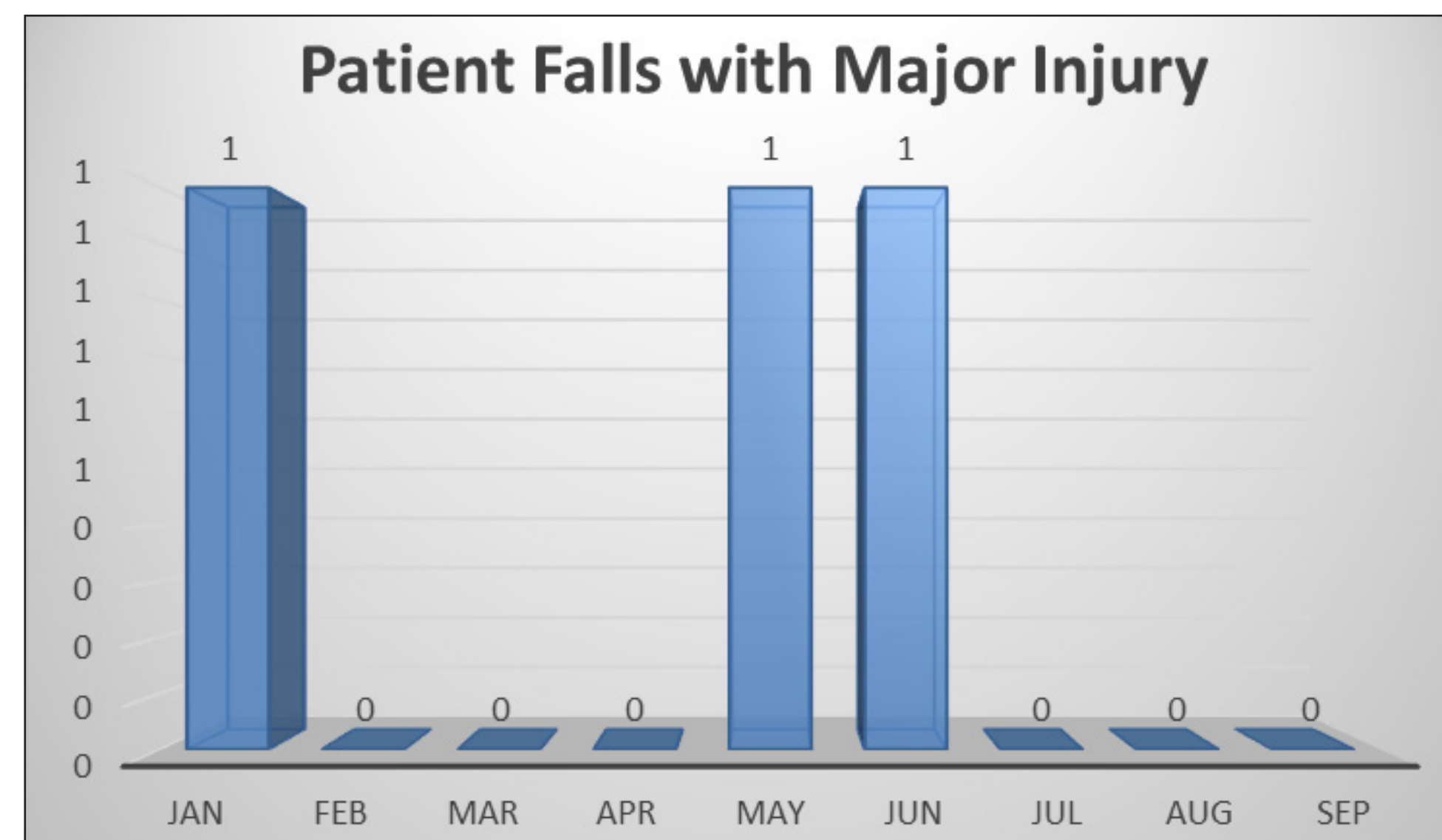
Carnegie Tri-County Municipal Hospital is a 17-bed, licensed critical access hospital located in rural southwest Oklahoma.

## Goal

Decrease patient falls by 50% by Dec. 31, 2019.

## Outcomes

The fall rate has decreased 100% from 1st and 2nd quarters to 3rd quarter of 2019.



## Interventions

1. PT/OT will evaluate high risk patients and document mobility orders in EMR.
2. Falls Precaution Mobility checklist visible at head-of-bed for all patients.
3. Purchase/implement new solid-colored patient bands for fall risk.
4. Order/maintain stock of fall prevention socks in all sizes.
5. Floor mats ordered for patients who are not fully alert.
6. Update daily assessment form to include improved screening for high-risk patients.
7. Immediate bedside RCA of falls, to include direct care staff.
8. Create a NO PASS ZONE - any staff member passing a room with the call light on, will respond.
9. Implement shift huddles at start-of-shift.

## Team Members



From left to right: CCO Doug White, RT Lead Daniel Waxell, QM Shannon Ware, ICP April Summerlin, LPN Dana Woods, RN Ashley Clift, LPN Lindsey Daingkau, and CEO Tom Henton.

\*Not pictured, all CTCMH Hospital Staff

## Problem Statement

1. Patient falls with/without injury were not improving.
2. Current fall screening tool was inadequate in differentiating patients as high, low or moderate risk for falls.
3. Visibility to staff of patient fall risk was inadequate, and visibility products (colored socks) not available in all sizes.
4. Bed alarm alerts were used, but did not allow staff to respond to assist confused patients.
5. Transfer methods used for patient with mobility challenges were inconsistent among staff.

FALL PRECAUTIONS	
MOBILITY	
WEIGHT BEARING	<input type="checkbox"/> As Tolerated <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> R <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> R <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Weight Bearing
ASSIST	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent <input type="checkbox"/> Standby <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Person <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Person
AID	<input type="checkbox"/> Cane <input type="checkbox"/> Walker <input type="checkbox"/> Wheelchair
TRANSFER	<input type="checkbox"/> Pivot <input type="checkbox"/> Hoyer Lift <input type="checkbox"/> Bedrest
TOILETING	<input type="checkbox"/> Bedpan <input type="checkbox"/> Bedside Commode <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet
SAFETY ALARM	<input type="checkbox"/> Bed/Chair <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

### Prevent A Fall

**CALL! DON'T FALL!**  
Fall Prevention Program

How many days WITHOUT a patient fall?

86

Previous Record 39

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