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Basic bedside vision assessment pilot

Following the National Audit of Inpatient Falls last year staff told us that they were unsure how to undertake a basic vision assessment as part of a multifactorial falls assessment. That staff struggled to do this was highlighted by the audit results that most patients did not have this done adequately.

We have designed this short assessment to help staff identify basic vision problems with their patients. It is not intended to replace any other assessment that may be undertaken by a doctor or eye specialist. It is intended to highlight problems that can be managed immediately in terms of falls prevention and also other patient care considerations.

Staff are encouraged to share the findings of this assessment with the multidisciplinary ward team and in particular the ward doctor if they are concerned about poor vision. The tests are designed to be carried out with a minimum of training by ward staff nurses, support workers, physios, OT's etc.

We would appreciate your opinion and feedback about this assessment while it still in the design phase to make sure it is helpful to you. We are asking several hospitals to test it out and once we are happy with the final product it will be rolled out as a national resource.

Pilot Questions – basic bedside vision assessment

Please type your answers in, save the PDF and email it to falls@rcplondon.ac.uk

Hospital name

Hospital type
- ○ Acute hospital
- ○ Community hospital
- ○ Other

Your job role

Ward type

A. Did you find this useful in helping you to assess your patient's vision?
- ○ **Yes**
- ○ **No**

B. Please tell us why

C. Did you find the instructions easy to understand?
- ○ **Yes**
- ○ **No**

If you have any questions, please contact Rowena Schoo, 020 3075 1511, rowena.schoo@rcplondon.ac.uk

D. How could we improve them?	
E. Do you have any specific comments about:	
Assessment 1	
Assessment 2	
Assessment 3	
Assessment 4	
Assessment 5	
F. Any other suggestions	
E. Some feedback from a couple of patients and/ or carers would also be useful. Nothing to complex just their views on what we are trying to do:	

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