

# Unpreventable Falls and Insurance Burden

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The Journal of American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons recently reported that as much as 20 percent of falls experienced by in-patients were not the fault of the hospital nor its staff.

The normal prevention strategies that work in places such as long-term care facilities or home-settings aren't as effective in hospital setting. The cause is most likely due to the short-term nature of the stay where strategies cannot be reinforced as often, but secondary diagnoses often play a part. If a patient's secondary diagnosis is Parkinson's, dementia, incontinence, vertigo or the patient is taking sedative medications, falls are more likely to occur that cannot be prevented.

If a number of contributing factors to a possible fall exists, then medical facilities and staff should not be held liable.

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