

**HACKETTSTOWN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
JOAN KNECHEL CANCER CENTER
FALL PREVENTION**

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SCOPE

All patients receiving radiation therapy in the Radiation Oncology Center

PURPOSE

To provide a policy on Fall Prevention for patients receiving radiation therapy treatments.

DEFINITIONS

N/A

POLICY

The Joan Knechel Cancer Center follows the Hospital policy PC10
<https://intranet.adventisthealthcare.com/policiesandprocedures/HRMC/Admin%20-%20Patient%20Care%20Services/PC10.pdf>

In addition, the Cancer Center implements the protocols below:

- I. All outpatients in the Cancer Center department will be considered at risk to fall due to the nature of the treatments provided and will have the following interventions implemented. Patients will be provided appropriate assistance to assure their safety.
- II. All outpatients will be questioned regarding any recent falls and will be evaluated by the nursing for possible high fall risk in functional assessments. Patients identified at high fall risk will have the following in addition:
 - a. Direct assistance/supervision will be provided for all interventions and transfers.
 - b. High fall risk will be identified in the outpatient chart.