

Post Fall Debrief Form - VSS

Post Fall Debrief Form: Why?

We have incorporated post fall debrief questions in VigiLanz Safety Surveillance (VSS) to help gather contributing factors and better understand reasons behind patient falls. This will allow our facility or center leaders to more easily detect trends and patterns with falls and improve fall prevention strategies.

Post Fall Debrief Form: When to Use?

After a fall has occurred (witnessed or unwitnessed):

- Conduct the post fall debrief on the unit
- Enter a Fall Event in VSS and complete the **post fall debrief fields**

This standardized process should be followed for all patient falls in hospitals, FSEDs, and ambulatory surgery centers.

- The post fall debrief fields are protected and should not be duplicated nor referenced in the medical record.
- Facilities and centers should transition to using only the Post Fall Debrief in VSS; this will replace all other methods including paper and electronic formats.

Post Fall Debrief Form: How to Complete?

1. Under the 'Report' tab, click 'Patient Event' then 'Fall'

The screenshot displays the VigiLanz Safety Surveillance (VSS) interface. On the left is a navigation menu with categories: Behavior, Close Call/Near Miss, Environmental/Facilities, Non-Patient, Patient Event, Security, SVG External Reporting, and Workplace Violence. The 'Patient Event' category is expanded, showing sub-options: AMA/LWBS/LWOT/LBTC, Blood Products, Code BERT, Equipment/Supplies/Medical Device, Fall, and Infection. The 'Fall' option is highlighted. On the right is the 'Fall' report form. It includes a header with 'Fall', a 'Submit Anonymously' checkbox (unchecked) and a 'Submit as Reporter' checkbox (checked). Below this is a 'Patient Search' section with a search bar labeled 'Search for a Patient'. There are 'Save' and 'Submit' buttons. A note states 'Please save form to add attachments.' At the bottom, there is a dropdown menu for 'Facility' (marked with a red asterisk) and a field for 'Facility COID'.

2. Select the correct facility or center where the event occurred.

A close-up of the 'Facility' selection dropdown menu. It shows a red asterisk followed by the text '* Facility' and a downward-pointing arrow icon.

- To populate the Post Fall Debrief fields, the Reporter must answer 'Yes' to the question "Was a post fall debrief form completed?":

* Was a post fall debrief form completed? (Answer 'Yes' to populate post fall debrief questions)

Yes ▼

- Complete all the new fields that display when the above question is answered "Yes":

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* What was the number of staff required to assist patient? (baseline)

* Was patient being assisted at the time of fall?

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* Did the patient use call light prior to fall? * Time of last safety round?

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Post Fall Debrief Form: What Types of Questions?

Example Questions on the Fall Debrief Form

Reporter Section	Investigator Section
Was patient being assisted at time of fall?	What was the fall risk level?
Did the patient use call light prior to fall?	Was the bed alarm on at the time of the fall?
Time of last safety round?	Were there any unusual circumstances on the unit/in the department around the time of the fall?
What care was provided at last safety round?	Was the fall preventable?
Did the patient have a Patient Safety Attendant?	Was the fall intentional?
Was a discharge order in place prior to the fall?	What was the cause of the fall?