



Practice guideline review - consultation form	
Guideline Title:	<i>Occupational therapy in the prevention and management of falls in adults</i> (draft 2 nd edition)
Date for receipt of comments:	11 th March 2019

Thank you for your interest in reviewing the above practice guideline which was published in 2015, with a scheduled review to be completed early 2020. A draft of the revised guideline is now available for consultation and we are inviting your feedback on the proposed second edition.

The following significant changes are proposed in the draft second edition:

- The introduction has been updated to reflect developments in policy/guidance (pg12-16).
- Twenty-one new items of evidence have been included, and one further piece of evidence appraised for the original guideline has been included. A notation is made alongside those recommendation statements where new evidence has been included or amendments have been made. Two new recommendations have also been developed (pg8-11 and pg25-52).
- The new evidence is reported in the evidence and recommendations section (pg25-52), and within new evidence tables (pg97-151).
- A new section describes the review process undertaken (pg73-79).
- The order of contents has been revised: the evidence and recommendations section is now placed before the guideline development process and methodology.

Minor amendments have also been made, but the most significant changes have been highlighted in yellow in the draft document for ease of reference. Your comments are welcomed on the significant changes.

Please note:

- We are seeking feedback on significant changes and new material only.
- Detailed copyediting comments are not required; these will be addressed during the professional copyediting and proofreading stage prior to publication.

We require you to disclose any conflict of interest (*identified as either a personal interest (of you, your partner or close relatives) or non-personal interest (of your department/employer/business), which could have the potential to influence or affect your contribution to the development or content of occupational therapy guidelines*), but if you have any concerns about whether a conflict of interest would preclude you from reviewing the document, please contact the Royal College of Occupational Therapists' Research and Development Officer (details overleaf).

Comments will be sent to the guideline review group for consultation during the final stages of the review. No names will be linked to individual comments.

Details of the Royal College of Occupational Therapists' guideline development process, which is NICE Accredited, can be found in the 'College of Occupational Therapists' Practice guideline development manual' 2017 at: <https://www.rcot.co.uk/practice-resources/rcot-practice-guidelines>.



We would be grateful if you could ensure your comments are received by: **11th March 2019**

If you have any questions please contact:

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Many thanks for your time and help,
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On behalf of Royal College of Occupational Therapists Specialist Section – Older People



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Do you wish for your details above to be included in the guideline acknowledgements?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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Your views on the specific questions below, which relate to the main changes to the guideline, would be welcomed.

1 Sections 1: Are the contextual details contemporary? If not what else should be added (please provide details and references)?
2 Section 2: Do you have any comments on the description of the role of the occupational therapist within the context of falls prevention and management? Does the described role reflect occupational therapists practicing in this context?

We note that the document acknowledges the part that medication plays in contribution to falls and falls risk. We would like you to amend the text to recommend that as part of falls assessment medication reviews are routinely carried out with a pharmacist as part of multidisciplinary working to minimise avoidable harm. The expertise of a pharmacist in all aspects of medicines is unique and OTs should work closely with them for both falls assessment and assessing the need for monitored dosage systems.

We recommend medication reviews are carried out when patients transfer across different part of our health and care systems; when there is a change in medication or a significant change in circumstances. Families or carers should also be involved. De-prescribing and polypharmacy reviews to improve quality of life are essential at least annually and as described above.

3 Sections 5 and Appendix 7: Do you have any comments on the new recommendations, or the additional evidence used to support the new and existing recommendations? Are the updates appropriately incorporated?



4 Section 11: Is the process followed for the review of the 2015 guideline explicit, robust, transparent and unbiased?

5 If you have any other comments or suggestions on the new additions and changes to the draft 2nd edition of the guideline (see highlighted text only), please take the opportunity to make them here.

6 Any feedback or examples of use, for the implementation resources that accompany the first edition of the guideline (CPD PowerPoint resource, Audit tool and Quick Reference Guide) would be appreciated. These are available at: <https://www.rcot.co.uk/node/396>

Please submit your comments electronically, together with a completed declaration of conflict of interest form (located on the following page) to: Angie.Thompson@rcot.co.uk



Practice Guideline Development

Conflict of Interest Declaration Form

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I hereby declare the above is an accurate declaration of my interests in relation to my current and anticipated involvement in the review of the above guideline:

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