

1 Predicting Falls or Fall-Related Injuries within 3 Months of Emergency Department Discharge
2 among Community-Dwelling Older Adults: A Comparison of 4 Screening Tools

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44 BACKGROUND: Falls are the leading cause of injuries in older adults. Identifying older adults
45 with risk for falls prior to discharge home from the Emergency Department (ED) could help
46 direct fall prevention interventions, yet ED-based tools to assist risk stratification are under-
47 developed. The aim of this study was to compare the performance of 4 different screening tools
48 to predict future falls in the 90-days post ED discharge for older adults.
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50 METHODS: A prospective cohort of community-dwelling adults age 60 years and older were
51 recruited from two urban EDs prior to discharge (N=134). Participants completed the following in
52 the ED: a single item screen for mobility (SIS-M), the 12-item Stay Independent Questionnaire
53 (SIQ-12), and the Timed Up and Go test (TUG) while wearing a smartphone affixed to the lower
54 back collecting 3-axis accelerometer data at 100 Hz. Falls after ED discharge were defined
55 through self-report of any fall at 1- and 3-months and medical record review of ED or hospital
56 encounter for fall-related injury 3-months post-discharge. We developed a hybrid-convolutional
57 recurrent neural network (HCRNN) model of kinematic gait and balance characteristics using
58 truncal 3-axis accelerometry collected during the TUG. We compared performance of M-SIS,
59 FRQ, TUG time, and HCRNN by calculating the area under the receiver operating characteristic
60 curve (AUC). Internal validation was conducted using bootstrap resampling with 1000 iterations
61 for SIS-M, FRQ, and GUG and leave-one-out for the HCRNN.
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63 RESULTS: 14 (10.4%) of participants met our primary outcome of a fall or fall-related injury
64 within 90 days. The SIS-M had a AUC of 0.42 [95% confidence interval (CI) 0.19-0.65]. The
65 SIQ-12 score had an AUC of 0.64 [95% confidence interval (CI) 0.49-0.80]. The TUG had an
66 AUC of 0.48 (95% CI 0.29-0.68). The HCRNN model using generated accelerometer features
67 collected during the TUG had an AUC of 0.99 (95% CI 0.98-1.00).
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69 CONCLUSION: We found that standard screening tools lack sufficient accuracy to be used in
70 isolation in the ED. A neural network model using generated accelerometer features collected
71 during the TUG in the ED could be a promising modality but research is needed to externally
72 validate these findings.
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75 **INTRODUCTION**

76 Falls are common in older adults¹, result in significant morbidity and mortality², and cost the US
77 health care system 50 billion dollars each year³. Targeted interventions can reduce rates of falls
78 among older adults. For example, a recent review found that interventions can result in 25–30%
79 reductions in falls for community-dwelling older adults one-year post-program.⁴ Timely
80 identification of older adults at-risk for falls is to connect them with effective fall prevention
81 interventions is necessary but challenging.

82 To improve the identification of older adults at higher risk for falls, the Centers for
83 Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the American Geriatric Society recommend
84 yearly fall assessment screening for all adults 65 years of age and older.^{5,6} Still, many older
85 adults may not have this routine screening in primary care.^{7,8} Identifying older adults in
86 alternative care settings like the emergency department (ED) may help fill this gap in fall
87 prevention.

88 The ED is a common site for older adults to seek care. Using nationally representative
89 US data from 2014–2017, 43% of persons aged 60 and over had an ED visit in a given year
90 which increased with age.⁹ The American College of Emergency Physician (ACEP) guidelines
91 recommends routine identification of older adults at risk for falls¹⁰. Numerous tools for
92 assessing fall risk among community-dwelling older adults have been tested in other settings,
93 with area under the curves (AUCs) ranging from 0.49 to 0.87 in development models.¹¹ Yet, as
94 noted by Carpenter et al.¹², existing ED-based screening tools are under-developed.

95 The aim of this study was to compare the discriminatory performance of 4 different
96 screening tools to predict future falls or fall-related injuries in the 90-days after ED discharge for
97 community-dwelling older adults. We chose to study screening tools of increasing complexity to
98 identify the most parsimonious model and allow comparisons across tools using self-reported
99 risks versus functional task performance. Rapid and easy to perform tools are especially
100 important in the ED, where surveys show that while most ED providers support screening older

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101 adults for fall risk, around half are unwilling to spend more than 2 minutes on screening.¹³ We
102 chose to assess kinematic characteristics of gait and balance during a functional task as a fall
103 predictor given prior work in other settings showing that machine learning algorithms of
104 accelerometer-based kinematic data can predict falls in older adults^{14,15}. Findings from this
105 study are critical to building a scientific evidence base for tools to identify older adults being
106 discharged from the ED who could benefit from interventions to reduce falls and related injuries.

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108 **METHODS**

109 We recruited a convenience sample of participants from May 9, 2019 and October 28, 2019.
110 Recruitment occurred primarily during weekdays (approximately 11AM–5PM) based on
111 research associate (RA) availability. We conducted phone call follow-ups at 1- and 3-months
112 post-enrollment and medical record review to assess fall-related care at 3-month follow-up. The
113 reporting of the study followed the Transparent Reporting of a multivariable prediction model for
114 Individual Prognosis Or Diagnosis (TRIPOD) statement.¹⁶ The TRIPOD checklist is available in
115 Additional file in the Appendix. Institutional Review Board approval for this study was granted by
116 the University of Pittsburgh.

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118 **Source of Data**

119 This study was conducted among patients who presented for care to two EDs within a single
120 hospital system in Pittsburgh, PA.

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122 **Participants**

123 An RA identified potential participants using the electronic ED tracking board based on age (i.e.
124 60+) and asked a member of the treating clinical ED team to refer only patients who are
125 medically stable, community-dwelling, able to provide informed consent, who ambulate without

126 ambulation aid, and who are being discharged to home. We focus solely on discharged ED
127 patients as they do not have access to traditionally inpatient screening and geriatric
128 assessments. A member of the treating clinical team asked potential participants about their
129 interest in participating in research. If the patient agreed, an RA confirmed eligibility criteria,
130 including the ability to ambulate unassisted, and if met, completed informed consent.

131 **Procedures**

132 After consent was obtained, the participant was asked to complete a brief questionnaire and
133 complete the Timed Up and Go test (TUG) while wearing a smartphone affixed to the lower
134 back (i.e. midline L4) collecting 3-axis accelerometer data from 3-axes (i.e. mediolateral (ML),
135 vertical (V), and anterior-posterior (AP) directions) at 100 Hz using the phyphox app
136 (www.phyphox.org). We chose the TUG and lower back as the ideal location for sensor data
137 capture based on best-practice recommendations.¹⁷

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139 **Outcome**

140 The primary outcome for prediction was any fall or fall-related care encounter within 3 months,
141 defined by either self-report of a fall at 1- or 3-months or medical record documentation of a fall-
142 related ED or hospitalization care visit within 3-months post-enrollment. We chose to include
143 both self-reported falls and fall-related injuries as we believe that both are clinically relevant for
144 prevention efforts. We chose 3-months as our primary outcome assessment period as it is a
145 time period where risks identified in the ED could be mechanistically relevant to a fall. The
146 outcome assessor was blinded to predictors. Phone follow-ups: Consistent with international
147 consensus recommendations, we defined self-reported falls as “an unexpected event in which
148 the participants come to rest on the ground floor or lower level”.¹⁸ Medical record review: We
149 first identified all ED and hospitalization encounters that occurred between the day after
150 enrollment and 90 days post-enrollment. We then inspected ED and hospitalization records to
151 identify fall-related care, defined as encounters where an individual has an ICD-10 code (W00-

152 W19) or the term “fall” in the nursing or physician history with related injury, based on ICD-10
153 code of injury (S00-S99).¹⁹

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155 **Predictors**

156 We examined 3 screening tools previously developed in other settings (i.e. Single Item Screen
157 for Mobility (SIS-M); the Stay Independent Questionnaire (SIQ); Timed Up and Go (TUG)) and
158 one tool we developed using a hybrid-convolutional recurrent neural network (HCRNN) model of
159 truncal 3-axis accelerometry during the TUG. We chose these self-reported screening tools as
160 they incorporated features found to be useful in other settings to predict falls in older adults.²⁰
161 The self-reported screening tools (i.e. SIS-M and FRQ) were completed in interview format in
162 the ED and the instrumented TUG was performed prior to ED discharge. The research
163 associate who assisted with collecting these predictors was blind to outcomes.

164 The SIS-M was taken from the EQ-5D-5L screening tool²¹, one of the most common
165 tools to measure health-related quality of life among older adults²² and previously found to be
166 sensitive to discriminate falls among community-dwelling older adults²³. Participants were
167 asked: “How would you describe your mobility TODAY”, with response options including: “no
168 problems”, “slight problems”, “moderate problems”, “severe problems, and “I am unable to
169 walk”. For the purposes of this study, we use any response other than “no problem” as
170 positive.

171 The SIQ was developed by the CDC as part of an initiative to encourage and facilitate
172 falls screening and management in primary care.²⁴ The algorithm begins with a 12-question
173 patient self-assessment: [https://www.cdc.gov/steady/pdf/STEADI-Brochure-StayIndependent-
174 508.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/steady/pdf/STEADI-Brochure-StayIndependent-508.pdf)). According to published guidelines, a score of 4 or more or an affirmative response to
175 any of three key questions (falling in the last year, being worried about falling, or feeling
176 unsteady)²⁵ indicates fall risk. For the purpose of this study, we examined both the total score
177 on 12-question survey and 3-question screen (yes/no) as predictors.

178 The TUG was developed 20 years ago to evaluate mobility in older adults²⁶ and consists
179 of the time it takes for the patient to rise from an armed chair, walk 3 metres at their usual speed
180 and with their usual gait aid, turn and return to the seated position in the chair. We chose the
181 TUG as our functional test as it captures a wide range of kinematic movements yet can be
182 completed in the ED setting. In a recent systematic review, a TUG time of >13.5 sec was found
183 to have a pooled sensitivity of 0.31 (95% CI 0.13-0.57) and specificity of 0.74 (95% CI 0.52-
184 0.88) to predict falls in community-dwelling older adults.²⁷ In the ED, the TUG was been found to
185 be strongly associated with frailty but not necessarily falls after ED discharge among
186 community-dwelling older adults after minor trauma.²⁸ For the purposes of this study, to allow
187 for comparison with other ordinal scores, we batched TUG times into 4 second intervals.

188 For the HCRNN model of kinematic characteristics of gait and balance during the TUG,
189 we first parsed the accelerometer data into 5 segments: (1) Stand up from the sitting position.
190 (2) Walk 3 metres forward. (3) Turn around 180 degrees. (4) Walk 3 metres back to their original
191 location. (5) Sit down on the chair. Signals were filtered through a fifth-order, low pass
192 Butterworth filter with a 12.5 Hz cut-off frequency. Walking segments: For segments 2 & 4, we
193 segmented the coded walking segments into windows of 1-second, each with a 50% overlap
194 between two consecutive windows²⁹ and calculated features (e.g. mean, maximum, standard
195 deviation, the maximum difference, pair-wise correlation, pair-wise covariance of the
196 acceleration signals and harmonic ratio).³⁰ Sit/Stand segments: For segments 1 and 5, we
197 computed the the maximum slope of the antero-posterior triangle, 2) the minimum slope of the
198 AP triangle, and 3) the acceleration peak of the antero-posterior triangle.³¹ Turn segment: For
199 segment 3, we computed the step frequency by calculating the frequency peak from the power
200 spectral density of the medio-lateral signal. For the purposes of this study, we examined a
201 model using only the raw 3-axis accelerometer signals and another model using the 24
202 generated features found to have a p-value<0.05 on the Wald test.

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204 **Sample size**

205 The study size was based on our goal of having at least 10 individuals with a fall outcome over
206 3-months follow-up. We based this on the “rule of thumb” of having at least 10 outcomes per
207 predictor in a logistic regression model.³² We estimated that 11% of older ED patients
208 discharged to home would meet this endpoint at 3-months based on prior national estimates³³,
209 thus resulting in a goal to have at least 90 participants with complete outcome data.

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211 **Missing data**

212 We did not have any missing predictor data. For outcomes, 91/134 (67.9%) of participants
213 provided self-reported fall outcome data at 1-month and 75/134 (56%) at 3-months. We were
214 able to access medical records to assess any fall-related visits on all patients, therefore based
215 on our composite fall outcome definition, had no need to impute data.

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217 **Statistical Analyses**

218 We first examined the univariate association between baseline sociodemographics and each
219 question within the SIQ-12 and the primary outcome of fall at 3-months, presented as odds
220 ratios (ORs) with 95% confidence intervals (CIs). We examined the univariate association
221 between TUG acceleration signal amplitude features and falls using Student t-tests. We then
222 used Receiver Operator Curves (ROC) to identify the optimal cutoff accuracy for the SIS-M,
223 SIQ-12, and TUG, presenting sensitivity (Sens), specificity (Spec), positive likelihood ratios
224 (LR+) and negative likelihood ratios (LR-) at key cutpoints. Internal validation was conducted
225 using bootstrap (BS) resampling with 1000 iterations for SIS-M, FRQ, and TUG, and we present
226 area under the curve (AUC) for both original ROC and BS-ROC curves. These analyses were
227 completed using Stata 15.0.

228 Our HCRNN used several convolutional layers with filters from 64 to 512 (increasing by
229 a factor of 2), separated by batch normalization layers and max-pooling layers, and then a

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230 bidirectional Long Short Term Memory layer with 128 units, dropout layer, and dense layer²⁹.
231 We used a leave-one-out model for testing, meaning that for each participant in the study we
232 trained on all the other participants. During the classifier's learning or training process, we ran
233 10-fold cross-validation on this training group to find the model's best parameters. Then, we
234 tested the model on the participant that was left out of the training. We calculated and reported
235 the Sens, Spec, and ROC AUC for both the raw 3-axis accelerometer signals and another
236 model using the 24 generated features These analyses were completed using *tensorflow* and
237 *keras* in R.

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239 **RESULTS**

240 ***Participants***

241 During the study period, 220 community-dwelling older adults (60+ years) were identified by age
242 using the ED tracking board, and 169 (76.9%) were assessed for eligibility from which we
243 included 134 in the study. **Figure 1** displays the flow of participants. Participant ages ranged
244 from 60 to 94. The majority of participants were male (60%) and Black (68%). Almost half of
245 participants (46%) were single and 40% lived alone.

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247 ***Outcome***

248 A total of 14/134 (10.4%) of participants met our primary outcome of a fall or all-related injury
249 within 90 days. Only 2/14 (14.3%) of these participants both reported a fall and had a medical
250 record consistent with fall-related injury. Phone follow-ups: A total of 106/136 (79.1%) of
251 enrolled participants provided phone follow-up data at either 1- or 3-months. At 1-month, 5/136
252 (3.7%) reported a single fall over the past 3-months since enrollment. At 3-months, 6/136 (4.4%)
253 reported a fall since last assessment (at 1-month), only 2 of whom had reported a fall at 1-
254 month follow-up. No baseline characteristics or fall risks were found to be significantly
255 associated with phone-follow-up. Medical record review: Over the 3-months of medical record

256 review, 42/134 (31.3%) of participants had at least one ED re-visit with 9/134 (6.7%) having
257 more than one ED re-visit. A total of 6/42 (14.3%) of these ED re-visits were for fall-related
258 injuries. Over the same period, 20/134 (14.9%) of participants were hospitalized with 3/134
259 (2.2%) having more than one hospitalization. A total of 3/20 (15.0%) of these hospitalizations
260 were for fall-related injuries.

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262 **Predictors**

263 **Table 1** provides the baseline characteristics of participants who fell and those who did not. No
264 single characteristic was associated with falls at 3-months. **Table 2** displays the percentage of
265 participants who fell versus did not fall who reported individual risks on the SIQ-12 as well as
266 the univariate associations between risk and falls. No individual SIQ-12 risk factor was
267 associated with falling. **Table 3** shows the mean differences in each accelerometer feature
268 between participants who had a fall and those who did not. No summary measure of
269 accelerometer data was associated with falling.

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271 **Models**

272 **Table 4** shows operating characteristics of key cutpoints for the SIS-M, the SIQ-12 and the
273 TUG. For the SIS-M, reporting a "moderate problem with mobility" or worse had a positive
274 likelihood ratio [LR+] = 2.86 and a negativelikelihood ratio [LR-] = 0.73. For the SIQ-12, a score
275 of 4 or greater had LR+=1.61 and LR-=0.60. For the TUG, a time to completion of greater than
276 or equal to 26 seconds had a LR+=1.77 and LR-=0.75. **Table 5** displays the performances (i.e.
277 ROC AUCs) of the SIS-M, SIQ-12, TUG and HCRNN models for predicting falls at 3-months.
278 The SIS-M had the worst performance (i.e. BS AUC=0.42; 95% CI 0.19, 0.65) and the HCRNN
279 using generated features had the best (AUC=0.99; 95% CI 0.98, 1.00).

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281 **DISCUSSION**

282 **Main findings**

283 This study aimed to compare the performance of 4 different fall prediction screening tools for
284 community-dwelling older adults discharged from the ED. We found that none of the traditional
285 fall risk tools validated in other settings had cutoff values that would be good for identifying a
286 subset of older adult ED patients at low risk for future falls. We found that a single question
287 mobility screening question has poor overall model accuracy to distinguish fallers from non-
288 fallers but a self-report of moderate or greater problems with mobility was associated with
289 greater likelihood of falls. We found that the CDC's 12-question fall risk screen had better model
290 accuracy and a score of 4 or greater would identify most older adults who go on to fall after
291 discharge correctly, but no single question was significantly associated with future falls. The
292 overall TUG time did not show good discrimination but a time to completion of more than 26
293 seconds increased the likelihood of falls after ED discharge. We found, however, that a neural
294 network model using generated features of 3-axis accelerometer data collected during the TUG
295 showed a near-perfect accuracy in discrimination between fallers and non-fallers.

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297 **Comparison to other studies**

298 The only existing systematic review of ED-based fall screening tools was published in 2014 by
299 Carpenter et al.¹² In this review, the authors identified only 2 studies examining ED-based
300 screening tools in their predictive ability for future falls for community-dwelling older adults. Our
301 study can be contrasted with these 2 studies in several ways. First, we included patients ≥ 60
302 years of age who were not in the ED for a fall. Tiedemann et al.³⁴ recruited ED patients ≥ 70
303 years who were there for a fall and Carpenter et al.³⁵ recruited ED patients ≥ 65 years who did
304 not present after a fall. They both examined fall outcomes at 6-months post-ED visit, whereas
305 we were interested in short-term (i.e. 3-month) risk. As such, our fall rate was lower (i.e. 10%)
306 compared to Carpenter et al. (i.e. 14%) and Tiedemann et al. (31%). Similar to these studies,
307 we found that no single factor was an accurate predictor of fall risk. Neither of our self-report

308 screening tools (i.e. SIS-M, SIQ-12) were found to be as accurate as the composite score of >1
309 on a 4-item tool developed by Carpenter, which had predictive LR+ of 2.40 and LR- of 0.11
310 (95% CI = 0.06 to 0.20). Our self-report screening tools accuracy was similar to those of Harper
311 et al.³⁶ who reported an ROC AUC=0.57 (95% CI 0.48 to 0.66) for the FROP Com Screen and
312 0.54 (95% CI 0.45 to 0.63) for their Two-Item Screening Tool.

313 For the objective functional test (i.e. TUG), Chow et al.³⁷ found that, among older adults
314 who met high-risk criteria by the CDC's SIQ-12, a TUG test completion time of 12+ seconds had
315 a sensitivity of 70.6% and a specificity of 28.4% to differentiate self-reported fallers from non-
316 fallers at 6-months but an overall poor model ROC AUC of 0.54. Their ROC AUC is similar to
317 the ROC AUC for TUG in our study and the sensitivity and specificity of our TUG time of 22+
318 seconds. The difference in optimal cutoffs between studies reaffirms prior published concerns
319 about how methodologic differences in how the TUG is conducted can make cross-study
320 comparisons difficult.³⁸

321 There are no prior published reports describing a wearable sensor-based kinematic fall
322 risk screening tool used in the ED. There are however a number of prior systematic reviews of
323 wearable inertial sensors for fall risk assessments in other settings.³⁹ A review of prospective
324 and retrospective fall prediction studies from 2013 found a wide range of sensitivity (55-100%)
325 and specificity (15-100%) levels for inertial-sensor-based fall risk assessment models.⁴⁰ A more
326 recent systematic review including 10 prospective studies testing sensor-based kinematic
327 assessments in other settings found that prediction models achieved sensitivities between 48.1
328 and 91.3%, specificities between 66.3 and 100.0% and accuracies between 68.0 and 90.0%.⁴¹

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330 ***Implications for clinical practice***

331 Predicting future fall risk after an ED visit is important as it allows for the possibility of
332 interventions to reduce harm. In a recent scoping review of 19 studies, Hammounda et al. found
333 that ED-initiated interventions targeting multiple risk factors (e.g. medication review, physical

334 therapy targeting functional limitations, and eliminating environmental hazards) reduce falls
335 among selected older adult ED patients.⁴² However, only 2 included ED patients who had not
336 presented to the ED after a fall and 66% entailed fall risk screening, with 11 different tools being
337 used. Our findings can help inform next-generation prognostication models to improve accuracy
338 of identification of older adults who present to the ED for complaints other than a fall, allowing
339 for wider public health impact of targeted fall-prevention interventions.

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341 ***Strengths and limitations***

342 This study has a number of strengths, including our diverse sample of older ED patients (e.g.
343 68% Black), our within-sample comparison of multiple screening tools, our novel use of readily-
344 accessible 3-axis accelerometers in smartphones to collect kinematic data, our composite fall
345 outcome of self-report and medical record fall-related care, use of re-sampling procedures (e.g.
346 bootstrapping; leave-one-out) to generate more accurate estimates of prognostic accuracy, and
347 our following of standard guidelines for reporting prognostic tools. There are also a number of
348 limitations to acknowledge. We recruited a convenience sample of ED patients based on RA
349 availability, introducing the possibility of selection bias. We also collected self-reported falls
350 based on retrospective recall at 1- and 3-months follow-up, which may have under-estimated
351 true fall rates due to recall errors. We had a relatively low rate of outcomes per predictor,
352 potentially resulting in over-fitted models. We attempted to minimize over-fitting in the neural
353 network by reducing the predictor pool using generated features only found to be significant in
354 Wald testing. Finally, we did not externally validate our models in new datasets, resulting in
355 likely over-estimation of predictive ability.

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357 **CONCLUSION**

358 Consistent with prior ED-based studies, we found evidence that standard screening tools found
359 useful to discriminate older adult fallers from non-fallers in other settings lack sufficient accuracy

360 to be used in isolation in the ED. We did find that a neural network model using generated
361 accelerometer features collected during the TUG in the ED could be a promising modality to
362 improve accuracy of fall prognostication. Further research is needed to externally validate these
363 findings.

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507 **Table 1. Baseline characteristics**

Characteristic	Fall (n=14)	No fall (n=120)	OR	95% CI	
Age, mean (SD)	72 (9.8)	68.6 (7.9)	1.05	0.98	1.11
Female	35.7% (5)	40.8% (49)	0.80	0.25	2.55
<i>Race</i>					
White	21.4% (3)	30.0% (36)	REF		
Black	78.6% (11)	68.3% (82)	1.61	0.42	6.11
Other	0	1.7% (2)	NA		
<i>Relationship status</i>					
Married	35.7% (5)	35.8% (43)	REF		
Single	35.7% (5)	48.3% (58)	0.74	0.20	2.72
Separated	0	0.8% (1)	NA		
Widowed	28.6% (4)	15.0% (18)	1.91	0.46	7.94
<i>Living situation</i>					
By self	28.6% (4)	39.2% (47)	REF		
With other >=65	28.6% (4)	17.5% (21)	2.24	0.51	9.82
With other <65	21.4% (3)	28.3% (34)	1.04	0.21	4.94
Multiple family	21.4% (3)	15.0% (18)	1.96	0.40	9.62

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510 **Table 2. SIQ-12 risk factors' association with fall outcome**

SIQ-12	Fall (n=14)	No fall (n=120)	OR	95% CI	
Any fall in past year	64.3% (9)	42.5% (51)	2.44	0.77	7.70
Worry about falling	35.7% (5)	29.2% (35)	1.34	0.42	4.32
Feel unsteady	50.0% (7)	37.5% (45)	1.67	0.55	5.06
Advised to use ambulation aid	28.6% (4)	10.1% (12)	1.90	0.98	3.64
Needs to hold things	57.1% (8)	24.2% (29)	4.18	1.34	13.10
Have to push self up	50.0% (7)	35.8% (43)	1.79	0.59	5.45
Trouble with curbs	21.4% (3)	25.0% (30)	0.82	0.21	3.13
Rush to go bathroom	71.4% (10)	51.6% (62)	2.34	0.69	7.87
Lose feeling in feet	21.4% (3)	22.5% (27)	0.94	0.24	3.61
Take meds that make lightheaded	42.9% (6)	20.8% (25)	2.85	0.91	8.97
Take meds to modulate mood	42.9% (6)	26.7% (32)	2.06	0.66	6.40
Feels sad or depressed	28.6% (4)	10.0% (12)	3.60	0.98	13.30

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513 **Table 3. Accelerometer features' association with fall outcome**

Acceleration Signal Amplitude Features	Fall (n=14)	No fall (n=120)	p- value
Mean of ML	-0.38	-0.31	0.73
Mean of AP	9.66	9.65	0.80
Mean of V	1.05	0.91	0.65
Standard Deviation of ML	1.01	1.11	0.21
Standard Deviation of AP	1.27	1.39	0.40
Standard Deviation of V	0.83	1.00	0.04
Pair-wise correlation between ML & AP	0.02	-0.03	0.16
Pair-wise correlation between ML & V	-0.08	-0.03	0.10
Pair-wise correlation between AP & V	0.23	0.18	0.48
Pair-wise covariance between ML & AP	0.01	-0.08	0.31
Pair-wise covariance between ML & V	-0.09	-0.03	0.28
Pair-wise covariance between AP & V	0.33	0.33	0.97
Maximum value of ML	-0.01	-0.04	0.61
Maximum value of AP	0.72	0.70	0.83
Maximum value of V	0.03	0.07	0.51
Maximum difference in ML & AP	0.29	0.26	0.54
Maximum difference in ML & V	0.75	0.76	0.89
Maximum difference in AP & V	0.76	0.77	0.92
Maximum difference in ML & AP & V	0.79	0.80	0.85
HR array for ML	0.81	0.78	0.39
HR array for AP	0.96	0.99	0.88
HR array for V	0.95	0.98	0.76
AP triangle duration for sit to stand	0.42	0.36	0.23
AP triangle duration for stand to sit	0.23	0.22	0.79

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516 **Table 4. Model accuracy in discriminating fallers from non-fallers**

	AUC	95% CI	
SIS-M	0.63	0.54	0.71
SIS-M (BS)	0.42	0.19	0.65
SIQ-12	0.69	0.60	0.76
SIQ-12 (BS)	0.64	0.49	0.80
TUG	0.60	0.44	0.76
TUG (BS)	0.48	0.29	0.68
HCRNN (raw)	0.98	0.97	0.99
HCRNN (gen)	0.99	0.98	1.00

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519 **Table 5. Fall risk estimates for key cutoffs**

SIS-M	Sens	Spec	LR+	LR-
>="Slight problem"	50.0	75.8	2.10	0.67
>="Moderate problem"	35.7	87.5	2.86	0.73

SIQ-12	Sens	Spec	LR+	LR-
>=2	100.0	26.7	1.36	0.00
>=3	78.6	41.7	1.35	0.51
>=4	64.3	60.0	1.61	0.60

TUG	Sens	Spec	LR+	LR-
>=18 sec	100.0	8.3	1.09	0.00
>=22 sec	64.3	44.2	1.15	0.81
>=26 sec	42.9	75.8	1.77	0.75

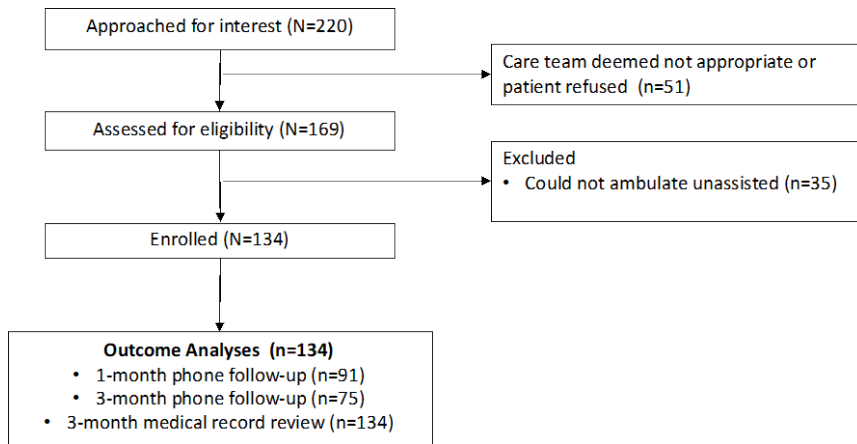
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523 **Figure 1. Flow Diagram**

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