

## RESOURCE

# Algorithm

## for Fall Risk Screening, Assessment, and Intervention

**As a healthcare provider, you are already aware that falls are a serious threat to the health and well-being of your older patients.**

More than one out of four people 65 and older falls each year, and over 3 million are treated in emergency departments annually for fall injuries.

The CDC's STEADI initiative offers a coordinated approach to implementing the American and British Geriatrics Societies' clinical practice guideline for fall prevention. STEADI consists of three core elements: **Screen**, **Assess**, and **Intervene** to reduce fall risk.

The **STEADI Algorithm for Fall Risk Screening, Assessment and Intervention** outlines how to implement these three elements.

### Additional tools and resources include:

- ▶ Information about falls
- ▶ Case studies
- ▶ Conversation starters
- ▶ Screening tools
- ▶ Standardized gait and balance assessment tests (with instructional videos)
- ▶ Educational materials for providers, patients, and caregivers
- ▶ Online continuing education
- ▶ Information on medications linked to falls
- ▶ Clinical decision support for electronic health record systems

CDC's STEADI tools and resources can help you screen, assess, and intervene to reduce your patient's fall risk. For more information, visit [www.cdc.gov/steadi](http://www.cdc.gov/steadi)



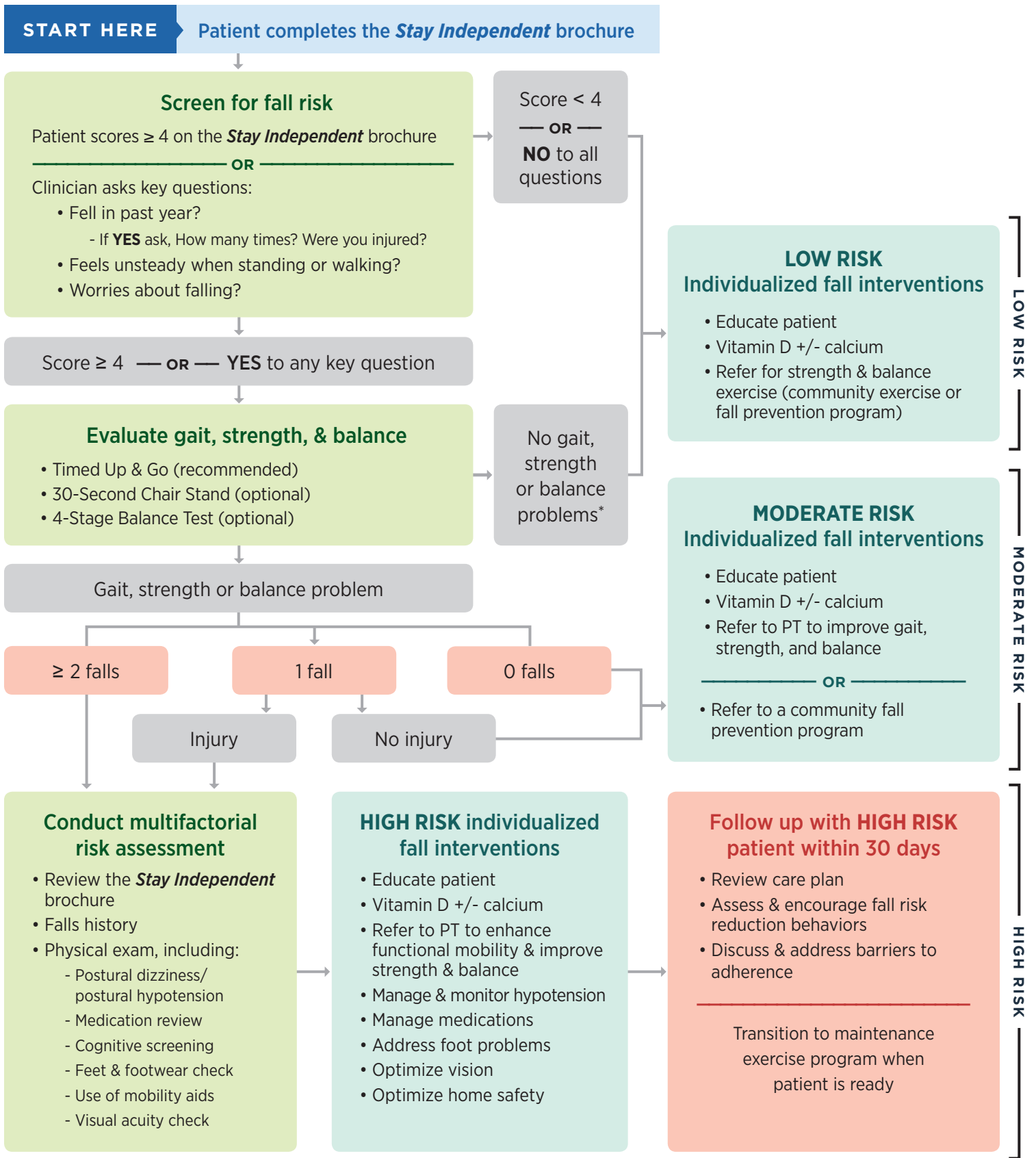
**You play an important role in caring for older adults, and you can help reduce these devastating injuries.**



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**STEADI** Stopping Elderly Accidents,  
Deaths & Injuries

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\*For these patients, consider additional risk assessment (e.g., medication review, cognitive screen, snycope).

