Geriatric Surgery Verification Program

Quick Reference Guide



1: Institutional Administrative Commitment

1.1 Letter of Support

2: Scope & Governance

- 2.1 Geriatric Surgery Director
- 2.2 Geriatric Surgery Coordinator
- 2.3 Geriatric Surgery Quality Committee

3: Facilities & Equipment Resources

3.1 Geriatric-Friendly Patient Rooms

4: Personnel & Services Resources

4.1 Geriatric Surgery Nurse Champion

5: Patient Care: Expectations & Protocols

- 5.1 Treatment & Overall Health Goals
- 5.2 Code Status & Advance Directive
- 5.3 Medical Proxy
- 5.4 Life-sustaining Treatment Discussion for Patients with Planned ICU Admission
- 5.5 Reaffirm Surgical Decision-Making
- 5.6 Geriatric Vulnerability Screens
- 5.7 Management Plan for Patients with Positive Geriatric Vulnerability Screens
- 5.8 Interdisciplinary Input or Conference for Elective, High-Risk Patients
- 5.9 Surgeon-PCP Communication for Elective, High-Risk Patients
- 5.10 Return of Personal Sensory Equipment
- 5.11 Inpatient Medication Management
- 5.12 Opioid-Sparing, Multimodality Pain Management
- 5.13 Standardized Post-Operative Care
- 5.14 Interdisciplinary Care for High-Risk Patients
- 5.15 Revisiting Goals of Care for ICU Patients
- 5.16 Assessment of Geriatric Vulnerabilities at Discharge
- 5.17 Discharge Documentation & Hand-Off Communication
- 5.18 Communication with Post-Acute Care Facilities

6: Data Surveillance & Systems

- 6.1 Data Collection & Review
- 6.2 Data Feedback to Frontline Providers and Quality Infrastructure

7: Quality Improvement

- 7.1 Geriatric Surgery Quality Improvement (QI) / Process Improvement (PI) Project
- 7.2 (optional) Geriatric NSQIP Collaborative

8: Professional & Community Outreach

- 8.1 Geriatric Surgery Community Outreach Project
- 8.2 Geriatric Education of Surgeons and Advanced Practice Providers (APPs)
- 8.3 Geriatric Education of Nurses

9: Basic & Clinical Trials

9.1 (optional) Advancement of Knowledge in Geriatric Surgical Care