

Occupational therapy utilization in veterans with dementia: a retrospective review of root cause analyses of falls leading to adverse events.

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Patient [falls](#) represent a significant cause of [patient harm](#). This study explored the causes of falls resulting in harm among patients with dementia receiving or referred to occupational therapy (OT). Eighty root cause analyses (RCAs) were included in the analysis. Of these events, three-quarters resulted in hip fracture and 20% led to death. The authors conclude that earlier OT evaluation may decrease the frequency of falls among older adults with dementia.