Terms of Reference
World Falls Guidelines Steering Committee

Background

In 2022, an international consortium produced and published the World guidelines for falls prevention and management for older adults: a global initiative (www.worldfallguidelines.com). These guidelines comprise a set of evidence-and expert consensus-based falls prevention and management recommendations applicable to older adults for use by healthcare and other professionals that consider: (i) a person-centred approach that includes the perspectives of older adults with lived experience, caregivers and other stakeholders; (ii) gaps in previous guidelines; (iii) recent developments in e-health and (iv) implementation across locations with limited access to resources such as low-and middle-income countries.

Role and responsibilities

Reporting to the World Falls Prevention Society Executive Council, the role of the World Falls Guidelines Steering Committee is to maintain and update the World Falls Guidelines and produce supporting documentation, toolkits, media and promotional initiatives.

Committee Composition

This committee will comprise:

- An elected chair

- Three elected co-chairs

- At least two current members of the WFPS Executive Council

Meeting Frequency

It is expected that this committee will meet a minimum of two times per year, and that unless otherwise specified the meetings will take place by conference call. Additional meetings will be held as required for the preparation of updated guidelines, and the production of supporting documentation, media and promotional initiatives.

Remuneration

Members of this committee will serve on a volunteer basis.

Term and Succession

The Chair and co-chair will serve in these roles for a maximum of 6 years. There is no maximal period members can serve on this committee.

Other

This committee may research the financial implications of any recommended actions but may not expend or commit funds without approval by the Executive Council.