



Superior Surgical and Trauma Care for Elders Pathway

PGY-1:

1. Patients are admitted to the SSTEP pathway by the ED PGY-3 surgical resident. There is a standardized admission order panel titled **“SSTEP (Frailty) order panel”** that they use in conjunction with the admission order set.
2. When arrive to floor, **ensure admission orders are in place**. Use the pocket card (located in 12th floor workroom) for reference
3. If you patient is delirious, use the **delirium algorithm** located on the back of the pocket card. Contact geriatrics if any questions regarding management.
4. Ensure you include fall prevention discharge instructions at discharge **(.dcinsstep)**.

PGY-2:

1. Patients are admitted to the SSTEP pathway by the ED PGY-3 surgical resident. There is a standardized admission order panel titled **“SSTEP (Frailty) order panel”** that they use in conjunction with the admission order set.
2. When arrive to floor, **ensure admission orders are in place**. Use the pocket card (located in 12th floor workroom) for reference
3. If you patient is delirious, use the **delirium algorithm** located on the back of the pocket card. Contact geriatrics if any questions regarding management.
4. Ensure you include fall prevention discharge instructions at discharge **(.dcinsstep)**.

PGY-3:

1. Screen every Code Alpha or Code Trauma $\geq 65y$ for frailty using the **FRAIL scale** (Printed by computers in ED and on pocket card - extras in 12th floor workroom)
2. Indicate which of the FRAIL criteria are positive in your admission note **(.bwhgsstepadmission)**
3. Use the **SSTEP (Frailty) order panel** in conjunction with your admission order set



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PGY-4:

1. Every Code Alpha/Trauma $\geq 65y$ should be screened for frailty using the **FRAIL scale**
2. Pts are admitted to the SSTEP pathway by the ED PGY-3 surgical resident. There is a standardized admission order panel titled “**SSTEP (Frailty) order panel**” that they should use in conjunction with the admission order set.
3. RCs should **ensure all orders are placed correctly** upon a patient’s arrival to the floor/ICU.
4. If your patient is delirious, RCs should use the **delirium algorithm** on their pocket card. If RCs have questions during daytime hours, they can contact geriatrics for assistance.
5. At discharge, pts should receive **fall prevention instructions** from the RC (.dcinsstep).

PGY-5:

1. Every Code Alpha/Trauma $\geq 65y$ should be screened for frailty using the **FRAIL scale**
2. Pts are admitted to the SSTEP pathway by the ED PGY-3 surgical resident. There is a standardized admission order panel titled “**SSTEP (Frailty) order panel**” that they should use in conjunction with the admission order set.
3. RCs should **ensure all orders are placed correctly** upon a patient’s arrival to the floor/ICU.
4. If your patient is delirious, RCs should use the **delirium algorithm** on their pocket card. If RCs have questions during daytime hours, they can contact geriatrics for assistance.
5. At discharge, they should receive **fall prevention instructions** from the RC (.dcinsstep).

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