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## Determining attitudes and knowledge of patient relatives about the precautions taken to prevent patient falls

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The aim of this study was determine initiatives of the patients relatives to prevent the falls. This descriptive study was conducted in the General Surgery ward of Trakya University Research and Practice Center with the participation of 59 volunteered relatives of patients between 15<sup>th</sup> April 15<sup>th</sup> May 2015. The questionnaire was prepared by the researchers according to literature and applied. The data were analyzed using frequency and percent with SPSS 20.0 software package. It was determined that despite the 47.5% of patients' relatives have been informed about the precautions taken to prevent patient falls, didn't pay attention to some simple applications (support the use of aids-walker etc.). As a conclusion it was determined that participants didn't have adequate information about taken to precautions in order to prevent patient falls and have moderate level of information about this subject. We recommend health professionals to show more attention to the education of patients and their relatives about preventing patient falls.

### Biography

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