

FALLS INJURIES

Data in this category is derived from patient records containing ICD codes E880 - E886 and E888. Code E887, "Fracture, cause unspecified", may include other etiologies; therefore it is excluded from the Falls category and relegated to "Other/Unspecified" (appendix 1). Also excluded are injuries due to intentional falls or jumps, whether suicidal or assaultive, and those in which the intention is unknown. Hence, this section describes the epidemiology of injuries due to falls which are known to be unintentional.