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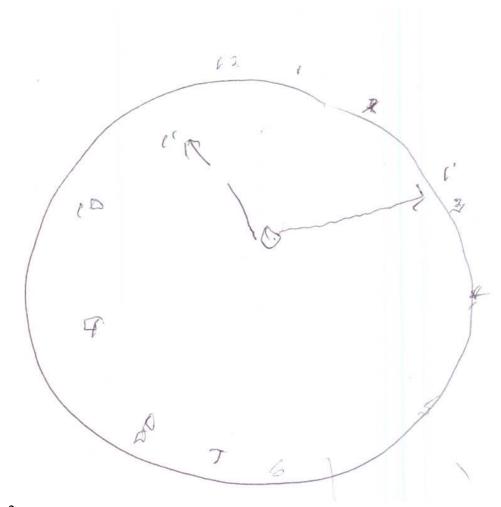
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Clock Drawing Task (CDT)² Patient is instructed to "Draw a clock, put in the numbers, and set the hands so it reads 11:10 (or 1:45)". It is a brief test and is not dependent on educational level. It is useful for assessing visuo-spatial, planning, and organizational deficits; it is a useful test of executive functioning (see text). The clock face should be drawn as a circle with the Arabic numerals 1 through 12 in the correct sequence and placement, and with two hands, of correct relative lengths, anchored in the center and pointing to the requested time. There is variation in scoring and interpretation. It is usually used in combination with other cognitive assessments. (Mr Y placed 1, 2, 3, and 5 outside the circle; he repeated 1; 6 through 12 within the circle but abnormal spacing). For scoring information for the CDT see Wolf-Klein GP, Silverstone FA, Levy AP, Brod MS. Screening for Alzheimer's by clock drawing. *J Am Geriatr Soc.* 1989;37(8):730-734.

Mini-Cog Assessment Instrument ³ Combines CDT and 3 word recall after the CDT. Takes about 3 minutes to complete. Recall of 0 words regardless of CDT results or recall of 1 or 2 words with an abnormal CDT indicates positive screen for dementia. (Mr Y's recall of 2 words plus abnormal CDT indicated a positive screen for dementia). For scoring information for the Mini-Cog see Scanlan J, Borson S. The Mini-Cog: receiver operating characteristics with expert and naïve raters. *Int J Geriatr Psychiatry*. 2001;16(2):216-222.

eAppendix. Search Strategy and Resulting References for the Three Systematic Searches

Search 1: Systematic review of prospective cohort studies addressing multiple risk factors for falls and fall injuries in community-living adults at least 65 years of age. The risk factors identified in this systematic review are reported in Table 1 of the article in print.

Strategy for search 1: We searched MEDLINE for January 1, 1985-September 30, 2009 using the terms falls; accidental falls; and risk factors. We limited the search to English language, humans, aged (over 65), and prospective studies. We included only prospective cohort studies that investigated more than 1 risk factor among community-living participants and used multivariate analyses. We excluded publications: 1) that only described development of prediction models but did not provide relative risks or odds ratios for the individual factors or that compared predictive tools; 2) if no fall-related outcome was reported; 3) if community-living persons did not constitute the majority (i.e. at least 50%) of participants; and 4) that included fewer than 80 participants. References for the identified articles were searched for additional studies.

Results for search 1:

1) Explode falls, accidental falls	(10160 articles)						
2) Limit 2 to English; humans; aged (65 and over)	(5078 articles)						
3) Explode risk factors	(402391 articles)						
4) 2 and 3	(1590 articles)						
5) Limit 5 to prospective cohort studies (235 articles)							
6) Excluded based on review of the abstract or full manuscript. Manuscripts are counted							
under the first exclusion criterion met. (202 articles)							
- described model development or compared tools	(29)						
- no fall-related outcome	(23)						

- No multivariate analysis or did not evaluate multiple risk factors (43)

- Age not in category	(4)
- fewer than 80 participants	(5)
- not community-living sample	(98)
7) Included in review	(33)

References for prospective cohort studies addressing multiple risk factors for falls and fall injuries in community-living older adults (Table 1) [Note: When more than 1 article from the study was available that assessed risk factors for falls in older adults, only the most recent publication from that study that addressed more than 1 risk factor was included in the systematic review.]

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Search 2: Systematic review of randomized controlled trials (RCTs) of physical therapy and/or exercise for fall prevention in community-living persons at least 65 years of age. The findings from this systematic review are reported in the text of the article in print.

Strategy for Search 2: We searched MEDLINE for January 1, 1985-September 30, 2009 using the terms falls and accidental falls; physical therapy, exercise, or Tai Chi. We limited the search to English language, humans, and aged (over 65), and RCTs. We included trials that reported fall rate or number of falls or percentage of participants who fell. We excluded publications: 1) that only described the protocols without outcome data or reported subsequent analyses of trials already included; 2) if no fall-related outcome was reported; 3) if physical therapy (PT) or exercise, or Tai Chi was not the only intervention (ie, multifactorial interventions); 4) that included fewer than 80 participants; or 5) if community-living persons did not constitute the majority (ie, at least 50%) of participants. References for the identified articles were searched for additional trials.

Results for search 2:

1)	Explode falls, accidental falls	(22,598 articles)
2)	Limit 1 to humans	(19,487 articles)
3)	Limit 2 to English	(17,242 articles)
4)	Explode exercise	(49,618 articles)
5)	Physical therapy	(26,827 articles)
6)	Tai Chi or Tai Ji	(457 articles)
7)	4 or 5 or 6	(76,429 articles)
8)	3 and 7	(715 articles)
9)	Limit 8 to randomized controlled trials	(131 articles)

10) Excluded based on review of the abstract or full manuscript. Manuscripts are counted under the first exclusion criterion met. (107 articles)

described protocols or reported subsequent analyses
described protocols or reported subsequent analyses
no fall-related outcome
(36)
PT, exercise, or Tai Chi not sole intervention
fewer than 80 participants
not community-living sample
(16)

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Search 3: Systematic review of randomized controlled trials (RCTs) RCTs addressing multifactorial fall prevention for fall prevention in community-living persons at least 65 years of age. Findings from this systematic review are reported in Table 2 of the article in print and in the eTable.

Strategy for search 3: We searched MEDLINE for January 1, 1985-September 30, 2009 using the term accidental falls. We limited the search to English language, humans, and aged (over 65), and RCTs. We included trials that reported fall rate or number of falls or percentage of

participants who fell. We excluded publications: 1) that only described the protocols without outcome data or reported subsequent analyses of trials already included; 2) if no fall-related outcome was reported; 3) if it did not report on multiple intervention components (ie, multifactorial interventions) that addressed at least 3 risk factors identified in the first search; 4) that included fewer than 80 participants; or 5) if community-living persons did not constitute the majority (ie, at least 50%) of participants or only studied cognitively impaired community-living persons. References for the identified articles were searched for additional trials.

Results for search 3:

1)	Explode accidental falls	(10241 articles)
2)	Limit 1 to humans	(10192 articles)
3)	Limit 2 to English	(8932 articles)
4)	Limit to aged (65 and over)	(5119 articles)
5)	Limit 4 to randomized controlled trials	(372 articles)

6) Excluded based on review of the abstract or the full manuscript. Manuscripts are counted

	under t	(352 articles)	
	a.	described protocols or reported subsequent analyses	(147)
	b.	no fall-related outcome	(87)
	c.	(83)	
	d.	(0)	
	e.	not community-living sample	(35)
7)	Include	(25)*	

*Five trials were identified through search of references for the included trials.

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eTable. Components of the Interventions Evaluated in Randomized Controlled Trials of Multifactorial (at Least 3) Fall Prevention Strategies in Community-Living Older Adults Without Known Cognitive Impairment^a

	Intervention Components ^c									
Source ^b	Multiple Risk Assessment	Balance/ Gait Training	Strength Training	Vision Intervention	Environmental Adaptations and Home Modification	Cardiovascular Intervention ^d	Reduce Psychoactive Medications	Reduce Other Medications	Other Interventions ^e	Referral to Participant's Own MD for Medical Interventions
			Inves	tigators Carrie	ed Out or Ensured (Completion of at Lea	st 1 Component			
Clemson, 2004	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Close, 1999 ^d	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	PH, CH	No	No	OT	Yes
Davison, 2005	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	PH, CH	Yes	Yes	OT	Yes
Day, 2002	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Hogan, 2001	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Shumway-Cook, 2007	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Spice, 2009 ^d	Yes								Yes	
Steinberg, 2000	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Advice on medical risk factors	
Tinetti, 1994 ^d	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	OH	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Vind, 2009	Yes	Yes	Yes					Yes	Yes	
Wagner, 1994	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Encouraged to get hearing and vision test; alcohol treatment	Yes
		Pa	rticipants Give	en Advice and	Referred Without D	irect Intervention o	r Assurance of Com	pletion ^f		
Coleman, 1999	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Elley, 2008	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Gallagher, 1996	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Hendriks, 2008	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes
Huang, 2004	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Jitapunkal, 1998	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
Lightbody, 2002	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Referral to community services	Yes
Mahoney, 2007		Referred to PT	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	11 monthly telephone calls	Yes
Newbury, 2001	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	
Pardessus, 2001	Yes	No	No	No	Home assessment	No		No	No	Yes
Salminen, 2009	Yes	Yes, every 2 weeks	Yes, every 2 weeks	No	Home assessment only; no direct intervention	No	No	No	Referral to ophthalmology; Vitamin D;	Yes

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Van Haastregt,	Yes	No	Referral to	Yes						
2001									community	
									services	
Vetter, 1992	Yes	No	Referral to	Yes						
									community	
									services	
Whitehead, 2003	Yes	No	Yes							

Abbreviations: MD, medical doctor; OT, occupational therapy; PT, physical therapy.

^a Includes only trials that evaluated at least 3 risk factors identified in the first search (Table 1) and that enrolled only community-living participants without known cognitive impairment. Follow-up was 12 months unless stated otherwise.

^b References are included in appendix on JAMA Web site.

^c Most of the trials also included various combinations of education, advice, and self-management. ^d Cardiovascular interventions differed between studies: postural hypotension = PH; carotid hypersensitivity =CH.

^eHogan, 2001; Spice, 2009; Tinetti, 1994; and Vind, 2009 also included interventions tailored to risk factors.

^f Community sites and MDs may not have had the training or ability to complete the interventions; there was no assurance that participant or physician followed up on recommendations.

eBox. Osteoporosis and Fracture Prevention in Men^a

Diagnosis

 The clinical diagnosis of osteoporosis is made by occurrence of a low trauma (fragility) fracture or by a bone mineral density (BMD) greater than 2.5 SDs below that of a young, healthy population as measured by DEXA (World Health Organization criteria).⁴⁰

Risk factors⁴¹

- The most important risk factors for osteoporosis in men are age (>70 years); body
 mass index <25 kg/m²; weight loss >10% of usual adult weight or weight loss in
 recent years; no regular physical activity [walking, climbing stairs, carrying weights,
 housework, or gardening]; oral corticosteroids, and previous low trauma fracture.
- Alcohol use increases probability of fracture but has not been associated with decreased BMD.
- Androgen deprivation therapy (pharmacologic and orchiectomy) is a strong predictor of both osteoporosis and fracture.
- Cigarette smoking and low dietary intake of calcium are moderate predictors of an increased risk for low bone mass.

Recommendations for screening

- American College of Physicians⁴⁰
 - Periodically assess for above risk factors for osteoporosis (Grade: strong recommendation; moderate-quality evidence).

- Obtain DXA for men who are at increased risk for osteoporosis and are candidates for drug therapy (Grade: strong recommendation; moderate-quality evidence).
- National Osteoporosis Foundation (NOF)⁴²
 - BMD testing for all men older than 70 years; men 50 to 70 years should be evaluated clinically for osteoporosis risk in order to determine the need for BMD screening.

Evidence for treatments of osteoporosis or fracture prevention

- Bisphosphonates The role of bisphosphonates in older men remains unclear. One of 9 randomized controlled trials (RCTs) that included men demonstrated a reduced hip fracture risk with risedronate.⁴³
- Hip protectors Pooled data from 3 trials involving 5135 community-dwelling participants revealed no reduction in hip fracture incidence with hip protectors [relative risk (RR) 1.16, 95% CI, 0.85 -1.59].⁴⁴ Poor adherence may explain some of the lack of effectiveness.
- Vitamin D In a meta-analysis, the pooled RR for higher dose vitamin D (usually 800 international units daily) in 9 trials (33,265 participants) was 0.80 (95% CI, 0.72-0.89).⁴⁵ In the 5 trials of vitamin D without calcium (7130 participants), the RR was 0.79 (95% CI 0.63-0.99), suggesting that the calcium offered no additional benefit. The effect of vitamin D was the same for men and women. The Cochrane review also reported a reduction in fall rate with vitamin D in participants with low vitamin D levels [RR 0.57; (95% CI 0.37-0.89); 260 participants, 2 trials].²⁷ The evidence is compelling for the use of 800

international units of Vitamin D in older men with osteoporosis or fracture risk or

low Vitamin D.

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