**Universal Fall Precautions Checklist**

**General:**

* Staffing appropriate for patient population, cases performed, length of stay in PACU, mobility needs during discharge
* Keep floors clean and dry
* Patient will have access to call light with instructions for use
* Patient educated on call lights in restrooms
* On preop call, instruct patient to wear nonslip, comfortable, well-fitting footwear

**PreOp:**

* Perform Fall Risk Assessment and apply appropriate patient armband at admission
* Communicate Fall Risk Score during hand-off report/communication between pre-op/OR/PACU
* Keep personal items the patient may need (cane, glasses, personal belonging bag) within close reach
* Staff assist patient to and from the bathroom. Stay with patient or wait outside door for immediate assistance

**PostOp:**

* Stretcher/Bed is in lowest position
* Staff member assists patient when dressing
* Patient remains seated when dressing; do not dangle
* Patient will sit in chair, not side of bed while awaiting discharge
* Discharge patient from facility in wheelchair