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Overview of EU-funded running research projects into fall prevention

Falls are the dominant cause of injuries among older people. Each year, one in every three adults age 65 and older falls, mostly in the home environment. Falls often lead to long-term physical disability (e.g. loss of mobility), severe dependency and reduction in quality of life. The associated costs of treatment and rehabilitation account for significant expenditure in both health and social care. Falls are the most preventable cause of needing nursing home placement. ICTs can provide solutions for the prevention of falls, as demonstrated in the EU funded projects attached.

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