This webinar will provide an evidence-based synthesis of the role of balance and mobility testing for fall risk assessment in older adults. An overview of clinical practice guidelines for fall prevention in older adults will be provided along with a brief synthesis of evidence to date on the most commonly used tests for first-level screening. Using data from the Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging, we will present new results on the accuracy of commonly used mobility tests for fall risk screening.

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