

The S.A.F.E. Geriatric Neurorehabilitation Framework

Screen Early • Assess Comprehensively • Functional Interdisciplinary Intervention • Educate • Evaluate • Evolve
Evidence-Based Geriatric Neurorehabilitation Implementation Framework

PURPOSE

To translate evidence into standardized, scalable clinical pathways that improve rehabilitation quality, patient safety, interdisciplinary collaboration, and continuity of care for medically complex older adults.

FIVE CLINICAL PILLARS

Pillar	Domain	Core Modules
I	Swallowing Safety	IDDSI • Frazier Free Water • Feeding Program • Aspiration Prevention • Mealtime Safety Initiative
II	Cognitive & Neurological Rehabilitation	Dementia Pathway • Delirium Pathway • Neuroplasticity Framework • Cognitive Rehabilitation Pathway
III	Continuity of Care	Hospital-to-SNF Transition • Referral Optimization • Care Transition Checklist • Discharge & Caregiver Readiness Pathway
IV	Workforce & Caregiver Education	Staff competency • Graduate mentorship • Community education • Online resources • Multilingual education (English, Hindi, Spanish)
V	Quality Improvement & Implementation	Policy development • Interdisciplinary implementation • Clinical audits • Outcome monitoring • Evidence-based practice adoption

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Earlier identification • Standardized referrals • Improved interdisciplinary collaboration • Safer swallowing • Better caregiver preparedness • Reduced variability in care • Continuous quality improvement