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been several excellent reports comparing fallers and non- fallers with PD [3-8]. Our focus was on distinguishing single from recurrent fallers. We sought to determine if we could find a simple “bedside” test that would enable us to distinguish single from recurrent fallers [3,4]. Such a “bedside” test might enable us to define strategies to lessen the chances of recurrent falls [5-11].

All persons, their families and care-givers were informed that the information collected could be used for research but that they personally could not be identified. Approval for the analysis was obtained by the St Joseph's Hospital IRB. No patients were compensated.

We analyzed serious falls: falls that required medical attention. A serious fall was defined as:

1. the person fell to the floor, without loss of consciousness, all 4 limbs or the skull hitting the ground.
2. the person needed help in arising.
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