



# Fall Detection & Alerts

Fall monitoring feature

## How it helps you

**Problem** — Falls are a concern for both older adults and for those looking out for them. The serious consequences of falls are a big reason why the market for fall detection and personal emergency response systems (PERS) is predicted to reach \$5 billion by 2025.<sup>1</sup> Still:

- Most systems require the user to wear a pendant around the neck, which many don't want to do or forget to do.
- Most systems require the user to manually activate the alert, which many forget or are unable to do.

**Solution** — You can now offer patients a fall monitoring feature that can detect falls and alert caregivers automatically — all in a discreet device that hearing aid wearers already use every day. It's an additional benefit to help motivate new patients and a reason for current patients to upgrade.

## Proof points

- People with even a mild hearing loss are three times more likely to have a history of falling.<sup>2</sup>
- Falls are the second leading cause of accidental or unintentional injury deaths worldwide.<sup>3</sup>
- In tests, Via Edge AI was able to detect more falls than the Philips Lifeline AutoAlert pendant and was an overall more accurate fall detection device.<sup>4</sup>
- Relatively few caregivers reported using the commonly available monitoring technologies; even in spite of their apparent benefits, particularly when activated after a fall.<sup>5</sup>
- For some individuals, a hearing instrument-based fall detection system may be more convenient or carry less stigma than traditional PERS devices; this may alleviate some of the psychosocial barriers to using fall detection devices and the problem of not having an alerting system available when a fall occurs.<sup>4,6</sup>

## Set up



**Professionals** — [Download this QuickTIP](#) to see how to set up Fall Alerts in Inspire X.



**Patients** — [Watch our Fall Alert](#) video to see how to use it.

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