

# Safety/Safety Oversight Role Play Activity

## Activity: The Case of the Slip and Fall

### Narrator Script:

A new restaurant owned by Mary's sister is opening today in town. Mary has two VIP tickets for the grand opening. Since she knows that Charlene loves to try new restaurants in the area, she invites Charlene to have lunch and they both agreed to meet at 11:30 a.m. in front of the restaurant. (Charlene is a participant in a clinical trial but has not shared this with her friend Mary).

As Charlene hurriedly walks through town she calls Mary to let her know that she is running a little bit late....typical for Charlene.

While Charlene was speaking with Mary on the phone she suddenly slips on an uneven section of the sidewalk and falls.

At first, Charlene thinks that she has simply twisted her ankle. She asks Mary to come pick her up. Mary drives her car, picks Charlene up a few blocks away and takes her to the hospital.

After being carefully examined by the hospital physician, X-rays reveal a fracture in Charlene's right ankle which requires immediate surgery. As a result, Charlene is admitted in the hospital.

While they are waiting in the Emergency Room, Mary asks:

## **Mary and Charlene Dialogs:**

**Mary:** What happened Charlene?

**Charlene:** I'm not sure, I was hurrying along and stumbled on an uneven sidewalk. You know I'm a bit clumsy, plus these are new heels.

**Mary:** I love those shoes!! Did you not see the uneven sidewalk?

**Charlene:** I guess I didn't, but come to think about it, my vision was a bit blurry. I just thought I was extra hungry because I missed breakfast. Maybe my blood sugar dropped or something. (HmMMM...I just received my third vaccination at the research clinic at 10:30 this morning...hmMMM?)

## **Narrator, Charlene, and Principal Investigator Dialogs:**

**Narrator:** Two weeks later....

**Principal Investigator:** Hi Charlene, how have you been since your last visit....it's been about 3 weeks. Oh...I see your cast...what happened?

**Charlene:** All has been good, except I had a fall a few weeks ago, stumbled and broke my ankle. I had to go to the Emergency room, was admitted to the hospital and had have emergency surgery that day. Other than that, I'm doing pretty good.

**Principal Investigator:** Did you or your husband contact us about your hospitalization and your surgery?

**Charlene:** No.....I told Miracle, the Study Coordinator about it this morning, just before I saw you. Did I need to call sooner?

**The End**