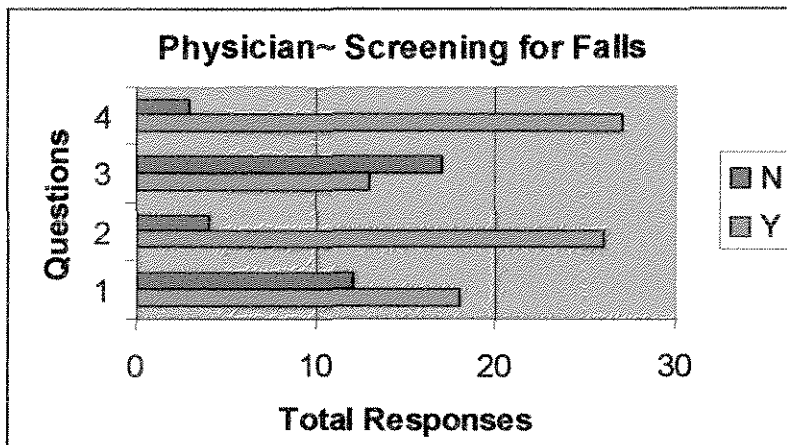


## Physician Fall Prevention Survey October 2006

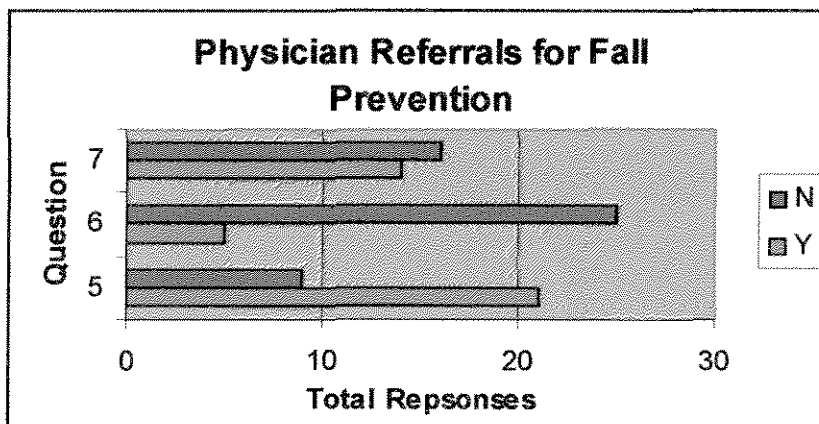
All Physicians were asked to complete the survey by answering yes or no to each question.

70 surveys sent- 30 returned = **43% return rate.**

(19 surveys from Primary Care/Internists and 11 surveys from Specialists)



1. Do you ask your senior patients about recent falls?
2. Do you assess your senior patients' gait, balance, or use of assistive devices?
3. Do you or does your office staff check your senior patients for orthostatic hypotension?
4. Do you review a current list of medications your senior patients are taking that may increase their risk for falls? (4 or more prescription medications, psychoactive medications, diuretics, antiarrhythmics)



5. Do you refer your senior patients to physical therapy for balance training and muscle strengthening exercises to help reduce the incidence of falls?
6. Are you aware of the new vestibular and balance clinic at SNMH?
7. Do you refer your senior patients to home health care for a home safety check or to FREED for home modification, including grab bars, raised toilet seat shower chair, etc.?