

## Editorial: Study targets fall dangers

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Senior citizens. Falls. The two tend to go hand in hand as health fails in later years.

A Lee County public health project will try to shed some light and make a difference for the better.

A study under way by volunteers and led by Dr. Lowell Gerson of Estero will look into what can be done to prevent a senior citizen's first fall, which tends to lead to anxieties or other health conditions that lead to even more.

If the falls themselves don't hurt seniors, worrying about them and their impacts surely do. It is an insidious cycle that is often hard for younger people to fully appreciate.

The public can learn more through the Lee County Injury Prevention Coalition Web site at [www.leecountyinjuryprevention.com](http://www.leecountyinjuryprevention.com) or by contacting Dr. Gerson at [lgerson@neoucom.edu](mailto:lgerson@neoucom.edu). The community wishes Dr. Gerson and company all the best. We stand by for the results in the hopes that the effort can put more luster and less fear in golden years.

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