Overview  
Imagine you are the assistant director of ABC Surgical Center, a free-standing surgical center that typically sees outpatient surgical patients with same-day discharge, though the facility is staffed and prepared for overnight stays when they are required. Unfortunately, the center has experienced five patient falls within the past 30 days (during which there were only 187 patient days which is a rate of 26.74 falls per 1,000 patient days). You have suggested new quality improvement initiatives based on an analysis of the center’s organizational metrics listed in the chart below. Your manager, the director of ABC, questions the need for the change and the validity of the evidence-based literature you shared with her. The director has asked you to write a memo justifying the need for change. You have decided to also include a discussion on the validity of the research in the memo.  
  
This assignment will help prepare you for your course project through the utilization of evidence-based literature and analysis of organizational metrics.  
  
Current-Year Organizational Metrics for ABC Surgical Center  
  
Quarter    Patients Days    Falls    Number of Falls per 1,000 Patient Days  
1    576    0    0  
2    606    1    ((1x1,000)/606) = 1.65  
3    659    2    ((2x1,000)/659) = 3.03  
4    654    2    ((2x1,000)/654) = 3.06  
Prompt  
Evidenced-based literature is the foundation of policy and decision making in healthcare. Prepare a report discussing at least two of the following evidence-based literature in your memo.  
  
Clinical and Safety Performance Metrics PDF, by the NIH  
Older Adult Falls Data by the CDC  
Falls by AHRQ  
Preventing Falls in Hospitals by AHRQ  
Provide specific evidence from at least two scholarly sources to support your claims.  
  
Specifically, you must address the following rubric criteria:  
  
Elements of evidence-based literature: Identify the critical elements of evidence-based literature in your chosen reports.  
Report validity: Defend the validity of the report.  
How was the data collected?  
How would you assess the credibility of the report’s source?  
How would you assess the validity of the report’s conclusions?  
Report applicability: Discuss how your chosen report may or may not be applicable to your surgical center.  
Metric comparison: Compare your surgical center’s metrics with data from your chosen evidence-based reports.  
Recommendations: Recommend changes for your surgical center based on the chosen evidence-based reports.  
How rapidly should your recommendations be implemented?  
Organizational culture improvements: Discuss potential organizational culture improvements the director would be creating by adopting your recommendations.  
Guidelines for Submission  
Submit this assignment as a Word document. It must be between 2 pages in length. You must also include an APA-style title page. Use 12-point Times New Roman font, double spacing, and one-inch margins. Sources should be cited according to APA style. If you need writing support, you can access the Online Writing Center through the Academic Support module of your course.