WHAT IS OTAGO?
OTAGO is an exercise program facilitated by a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant in the clinical or community setting. The intervention consists of two phases, the clinical phase and the self-management phase. The first phase is an eight-week instruction led by the physical therapist or assistant. The second phase transitions into a four to ten month period of self-care. During this phase, the program participant continues practicing the exercises learned in phase one, without led instruction.

35% REDUCED FALL-RATE
8 WEEK LED INSTRUCTION
4 MONTH SELF-CARE PERIOD
242 INDIVIDUALS TRAINED IN OTAGO

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MEET THE INSTRUCTOR
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