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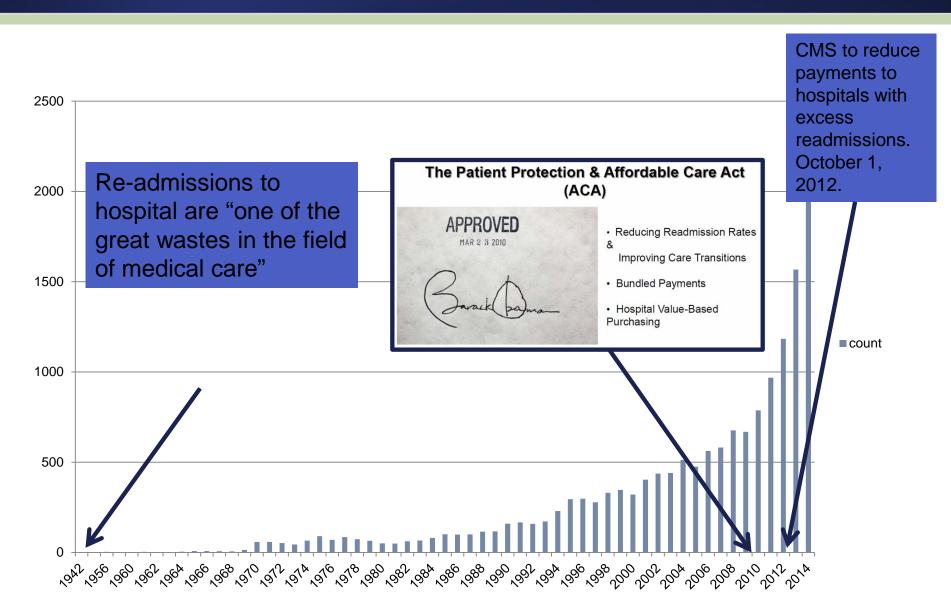
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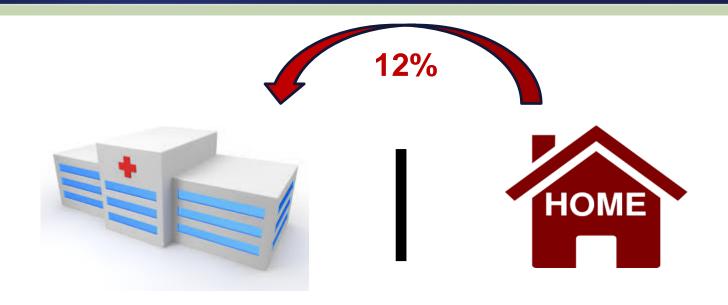
INTRODUCTION

Importance of readmission





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Readmissions represent:

- -high costs
- -new hospital complications
- -lost work days
- -burden for the patients
- -low quality of care

Classification of the Quality Indicators

Mapping selon l'OCDE

	Effectiveness	Safety	Patient centeredness	Accessibility/ costs
Prevention	-Vaccination coverage -Mammography screening		Doctor involving patients in decisions	
Getting better	-Myocardial infarction 30-day mortality -Coloractal cancer year survival	-Postoperative PE or DVT		
Chronic care	-Hospital readmission within 30 days			
End of life				



Importance of readmission

Classification of readmissions

Related to Initial Admission Unrelated to Initial Admission

Planned Readmission

A planned readmission for which the reason for readmission is related to the reason for the initial admission.

A planned readmission for which the reason for readmission is **not** related to the reason for the initial admission.

Unplanned Readmission

An unplanned readmission for which the reason for readmission is related to the reason for the initial admission.

An unplanned readmission for which the reason for readmission is not related to the reason for the initial admission.



Importance of readmission

Systematic review of 34 articles:

- ≥2/3 of the readmissions may be entirely preventable or ameliorable,
- ➤ 20-30% of readmissions being considered as truly preventable.

Financial incentives

- Resources for transitional care services are limited
- In the USA:
 - Financial penalties among Medicare patients for specific diseases.
 - > Effect: Reduction of readmission rate 21.5%-> 18.5%
- In CH, the 2012 Swiss-DRG rules:
 - Pressure to avoid readmission: readmissions occurring within 18 days after discharge within the initial hospital stay are regrouped.
 - Pressure on hospital length of stay.
 - > ANQ monitoring

EXERCICE 1 – RISK FACTORS

CAUSES AND RISK FACTORS

TABLE 2. Factors Associated With Readmission Within 30 Days

Covariate	Unadjusted OR (95% CI)	Adjusted OR (95% CI)
Age	1.00 (0.99–1.00)	1.00 (0.99–1.00)
Race		
White	Referent	Referent
Black	1.67 (1.47-1.91)	1.43 (1.24-1.65)
Asian	0.99 (0.86-1.14)	0.95 (0.82-1.11)
Other	0.89 (0.76-1.06)	0.84 (0.67-1.06)
Payer		
Medicare	Referent	Referent
Medicaid/medi-cal	1.37 (1.21-1.55)	1.15 (0.97-1.36)
Private	0.83 (0.73-0.95)	0.78 (0.65-0.95)
Other	0.21 (0.14-0.30)	0.23 (0.11-0.45)
Disposition		
To home	Referent	Referent
SNF	1.02 (0.85-1.21)	0.98 (0.82-1.18)
Other	0.58 (0.48-0.70)	0.53 (0.43-0.66)
High-risk medications		
Corticosteroids	1.31 (1.16-1.48)	1.24 (1.09-1.42)
Narcotics	1.49 (1.34-1.65)	1.33 (1.16-1.53)
Anticholinergics	0.64 (0.47-0.87)	0.66 (0.48-0.90)
Comorbidities		
Congestive heart failure	1.39 (1.19-1.63)	1.30 (1.09-1.56)
Neurological disorders	0.69 (0.56-0.86)	0.70 (0.57-0.87)
Renal failure	1.35 (1.19-1.55)	1.19 (1.05-1.36)
Metastatic cancer	1.52 (1.26-1.83)	1.61 (1.33-1.95)
Solid tumor w/o metastasis	1.81 (1.43-2.29)	1.95 (1.54-2.47)
Deficiency anemia	1.41 (1.26–1.58)	1.27 (1.13-1.44)
Weight loss	1.30 (1.08–1.57)	1.26 (1.09–1.47)

Table 4. Variables Considered by Studies in Evaluating the Risk of Hospital Readmission					
		No. of Stud			
	Included in Final Model	Evaluated, but Not Included	Not Considered ^a		
Specific medical diagnoses or comorbidity index	2413-25,27-31,34-39	0	312,26,32		
Mental health comorbidities Mental illness	Q15-18,20,21,26,27,37	414,24,28,36	1 112,19,22,23,30-32,34,35,38,39		
Alcohol or substance use	1115-21,23,26-28	514,24,31,34,37	812,22,30,32,35,36,38,39		
Illness severity Severity index	1 ²⁶	136	1913-19,21,22,24,28,30-32,34,35,37-39		
Laboratory findings	418,30,32,34	131	1513-17,19,21,22,24,28,35-39		
Other ^b	42,3,24	418,30,34,37	1 114-16,21,24,28,31,32,35,38,30		
Prior use of medical services Hospitalizations	1412,13,17,21,26-31,36-39	135	1014-16,18,19,22-24,32,34		
Emergency department visits	427,32,34,35	126	1712,14-16,18,19,21-24,28,30,31,36-39		
Clinic visits or missed clinic visits	326,27,30	0	1912,14-16,18,19,21-24,28,30-32,34-38		
Index hospital length of stay	423,25,35,38	319,30,36	1512,14-16,18,21,22,24,26,28,31,32,34,37,39		
Overall health and function Functional status, ADL dependence, and mobility	229,34	630,35-39	1412,14-16,18,19,21-24,26,28,31,32		
Self-rated health, quality of life	329,38,39	231,34	1712,14-16,18,19,21-24,26,28,30,32,35-37		
Cognitive impairment	714-16,18,31,34,37	521,24,36,38,39	Q12,19,22,23,26,28,30,32,35		
Visual or hearing impairment	129	139	2112,14-16,18,19,21-24,26,28,30-32,34-39		
Sociodemographic factors					
Age	1912-22,24,25,27-29,34,37,3		131		
Sex	1512-18,20,22,24-28,39	819,21,23,30,32,35,36,38	131		
Race/ethnicity	712,13,20,23,24,27,28	821,26,30,32,34,36,38,39	814-16,18,19,22,31,35		
Social determinants of health SES, income, and employment status	513,20,21,26,27	724,28,34,36-39	1012,14-16,18,19,22,23,31,35		
Insurance status ^c	619,23,24,26,29,38	134	530,32,36,37,39		
Education	0	431,36,38,39	1712,14-16,18,19,21-24,26,28,30,32,34,35,37		
Marital status and No. of people in home	426,31,37,38	619,21,34-36,39	1 112,14-16,18,22-24,28,30,32		
Caregiver availability, other social support	234,39	138	1912,14-16,18,19,21-24,26,28,30-32,34-37		
Access to care or limited access (eg, rural area)	512,19,21,23,38	224,35	1414-16,18,22,26,28,30-32,34,36,37,39		
Discharge location (home, nursing home)	223,24	119	1812,14-16,18,21,22,26,28,30-32,34-39		

Open Access Research

BMJ Open Performance-based functional impairment and readmission and death: a prospective study

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- Functional impairment was associated with higher risk of death (OR 2.44, 95% CI 1.15 to 5.18),
- but not with unplanned readmission (OR 1.34, 95% CI 0.84 to 2.15).
- No significant association between functional impairment and the total number of unplanned readmissions (adjusted OR 1.59, 95% CI 0.95 to 2.67).

Causes and patterns of readmissions

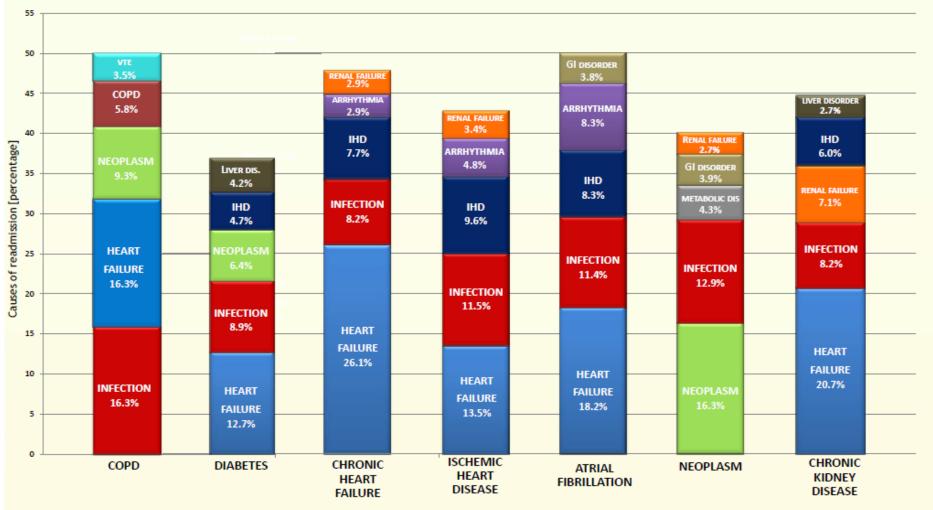
Condition at Index Discharge	30-Day Rehospitalization Rate	Proportion of All Rehospitalizations				Reason for Rehosp	italization	
			Most Frequent	2nd Most Frequent	3rd Most Frequent	4th Most Frequent	5th to 10th Most Frequent	Less Frequent
	perce	ent			percent of all reh	ospitalizations within .	30 days after index discharge	
Medical								
All	21.0	77.6	Heart failure (8.6)	Pneumonia (7.3)	Psychoses (4.3)	COPD (3.9)	GI problems, nutrition-related or metabolic issues, septicemia, GI bleeding, renal failure, urinary tract infection (17.0)	All other (58.9)
Heart failure	26.9	7.6	Heart failure (37.0)	Pneumonia (5.1)	Renal failure (3.9)	Nutrition-related or metabolic issues (3.1)	Acute myocardial infarction, COPD, arrhythmias, circulatory disorders, GI bleeding, GI problems (14.0)	All other (36.9)
Pneumonia	20.1	6.3	Pneumonia (29.1)	Heart failure (7.4)	COPD (6.1)	Septicemia (3.6)	Nutrition-related or metabolic issues, GI problems, respira- tory or ventilation problems, pulmonary edema, GI bleed- ing, urinary tract infection (14.9)	All other (38.9)
COPD	22.6	4.0	COPD (36.2)	Pneumonia (11.4)	Heart failure (5.7)	Pulmonary edema (3.9)	Respiratory or ventilation problems, GI problems, nutrition- related or metabolic issues, arrhythmias, GI bleeding, acute myocardial infarction (12.5)	All other (30.3)
Psychoses	24.6	3.5	Psychoses (67.3)	Drug toxicity (1.9)	Drug or alcohol misuse (1.6)	Pneumonia (1.6)	Chest pain, nutrition-related or metabolic issues, depression, GI problems, COPD, organic mental conditions (7.0)	All other (20.6)
GI problems	19.2	3.1	GI problems (21.1)	Nutrition-related or metabolic issues (4.9)	Pneumonia (4.3)	Heart failure (4.2)	Major bowel surgery, urinary tract infection, septicemia, GI bleeding, COPD, chest pain (13.4)	All other (52.1)
Surgical								
All	15.6	22.4	Heart failure (6.0)	Pneumonia (4.5)	GI problems (3.3)	Septicemia (2.9)	Nutrition-related or metabolic issues, postoperative infec- tion, placement of cardiac stent, GI bleeding, operation for infection (14.6)	All other (68.7)
Cardiac stent placement	14.5	1.6	Cardiac stent (19.7)	Circulatory diagno- ses (8.5)	Chest pain (6.1)	Heart failure (5.7)	Atherosclerosis, acute myocardial infarction, GI bleeding, GI problems, arrhythmias, other vascular surgery (19.4)	All other (40.6)
Major hip or knee surgery	9.9	1.5	Aftercare (10.3)	Major hip or knee problems (6.0)	Pneumonia (4.2)	Postoperative in- fection (3.1)	GI problems, GI bleeding, heart failure, operation for infection, rehabilitation, nutrition-related or metabolic issues (15.8)	All other (60.6)
Other vascular surgery	23.9	1.4	Other vascular sur- gery (14.8)	Amputation (5.8)	Heart failure (5.0)	Other circulatory problems (4.4)	Postoperative infection, other circulatory procedures, operation for infection, peripheral vascular disorders, pneumonia, septicemia (19.0)	All other (51.0)
Major bowel surgery	16.6	1.0	GI problems (15.9)	Postoperative in- fection (6.4)	Nutrition-related or metabolic issues (5.6)	GI Obstruction (4.3)	Pneumonia, major bowel surgery, renal failure, septicemia, operation for infection, GI bleeding (15.4)	All other (52.4)
Other hip or femur surgery	17.9	0.8	Pneumonia (9.7)	Heart failure (4.8)	Septicemia (4.7)	GI bleeding (4.0)	Urinary tract infection, fracture of hip or pelvis, other hip or femur surgery, aftercare, nutrition-related or metabolic issues, major hip or knee problems (20.7)	All other (56.1)

Causes and patterns of readmissions

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Causes and patterns of readmissions

Top 5 causes of potentially avoidable 30-day readmission by comorbid chronic condition





COPD: chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; DIS: disorder; GI: gastrointestinal; IHD: ischemic heart disease; VTE: venous thromboembolism



Classification of the causes

Main reason fo	or readmission	Overall avoidable	Sometimes avoidables	Overall not avoidable
	Surgical complications		X	
Complications	Adverse drug event		Х	
	Other copmlications		X	
	Inadequate diagnosis	Х		
Transition of some	Inadequate therapy	Х		
Transition of care	Premature discharge	Х		
	Other discharge-related issue	Х		
	First primary care visit too late	Х		
	Late communication	Х		
Post-discharge / ambulatory care	Inadequate ambulatory care/treatment	Х		
	Inadequate home support	X		
	Inadequate patient behavior		Х	
Natural evolution of the disease				Х
Readmission not justifable by med	dical reason	Х		

EX 1 PART B - AVOIDABILITY ASSESSMENT

EX 2 – RISK EVALUATION

HOW TO PREDICT

How to identify which patients are at highest risk of readmission?

Basically 3 options:

- Ask the patient
- Ask the clinical providers
- Use clinical prediction rules



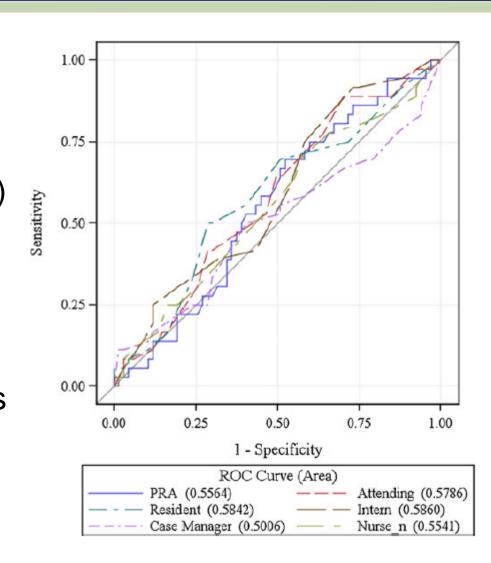


Ask the patient

- Little evidence.
- Prospective cohort study in 7 general internal medicine wards in Canada.
- Patient-reported discharge readiness was measured with an 11point Likert response scale, with scores < 7 indicating subjective unreadiness.
- The primary outcome was readmission or death within 30 days.
- Patients who reported being unready at the time of discharge did not experience any higher risk of readmission or death in the first 30 days post-discharge, compared with patients who felt ready for discharge.

Ask the clinical providers

- Patients aged ≥65 discharged from the general medical service at University of California.
- Of 159 patients, 52 patients (32.7%) were readmitted.
- Prediction of the chance of readmission with a 0–100% scale.
- The ability to discriminate between readmissions and non-readmissions was poor for all provider groups



Overview of existing score for readmissions

Systematic review for Readmission scores:

- 26 scores identified before 2010.
- Most existing score performed poorly.
- Heterogeneity of the population: disease-specific (heart failure only) versus broad-scale patients (surgical and medical).
- Outcome include unavoidable readmssions.

Focus on a few scores

Focus on scores that are known, performant, or used:

LACE score

HOSPITAL score



LACE score

Attribute	Value	Points*
Length of stay, d ("L")	< 1	0
	1	1
	2	2
	3	3
	4–6	4
	7–13	5
	≥ 14	7
Acute (emergent) admission ("A")	Yes	3
Comorbidity (Charlson comorbidity index score†) ("C")	0	0
	1	1
	2	2
	3	3
	≥ 4	5
Visits to emergency department during previous 6 mo ("E")	0	0
	1	1
	2	2
	3	3
	≥ 4	4



LACE score

Attribute	Value	Points*
Length of stay, d ("L")	< 1	0
	1	1

Table 1. Charlson Comorbidity Index Scoring System

Score	Condition
1	Myocardial infarction (history, not ECG changes only)
	Congestive heart failure
	Peripheral vascular disease (includes aortic aneurysm ≥6 cm)
	Cerebrovascular disease: CVA with mild or no residua or TIA
	Dementia
	Chronic pulmonary disease
	Connective tissue disease
	Peptic ulcer disease
	Mild liver disease (without portal hypertension, includes chronic hepatitis)
	Diabetes without end-organ damage (excludes diet-controlled alone)
2	Hemiplegia
	Moderate or severe renal disease
	Diabetes with end-organ damage (retinopathy, neuropathy, nephropathy, or brittle diabetes)
	Tumor without metastases (exclude if >5 y from diagnosis)
	Leukemia (acute or chronic)
	Lymphoma
3	Moderate or severe liver disease
6	Metastatic solid tumor
Ü	AIDS (not just HIV positive)

NOTE. For each decade > 40 years of age, a score of 1 is added to the above score.

Abbreviations: ECG, electrocardiogram; CVA, cerebrovascular accident; TIA, transient ischemic attack; AIDS, acquired immunodeficiency syndrome; HIV, human immunodeficiency virus.

LACE score validation studies

Design and setting	C-stat
Derivation study in Canada	0.68
Medical department, tertiary care hospital in Singapore 127,550 patients	0.70
Older UK medical patients, mean age 85 years, N=507	0.57
Heart failure patients in the US, N=253	? No significant difference between ORs for readmission in high risk and low risk



LACE score

Strengths

- Derived in a large population in Canada, large validation in Canada.
- All type of patients.

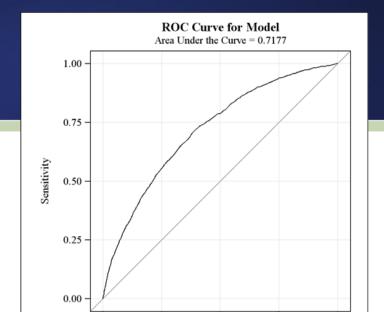
Limitations

- Need to calculate the Charlson score.
- Difficult to calculated before discharge of the patient.
- No threshold determined between low risk and high risk.
- No prospective validation



The "HOSPITAL" Score

Attribute	Points
Low Hemoglobin level at discharge (< 12 g/dL)	1
Discharge from an Oncology division	2
Low Sodium level at discharge (< 135 mmol/L)	1
Procedure during hospital stay (any ICD-9 coded	1
procedure)	
Index admission Type: non-elective	1
Number of hospital Admission(s) during the previous	
year	
≤1	0
2-5	2
>5	5
Length of stay ≥ 5 days	2



0.00

0.25

C-statistic 0.72

Points	Risk category	Patients in each category, n (%)	Observed proportion of PAR in the validation study,	Estimated risk of PAR in the validation study, %
0-4	Low	77,896 (63%)	5.8	5.8
5-6	Intermediate	29,239 (23%)	11.8	11.8
≥ 7	High	17,077 (14%)	22.4	22.4

0.50

1 - Specificity

0.75

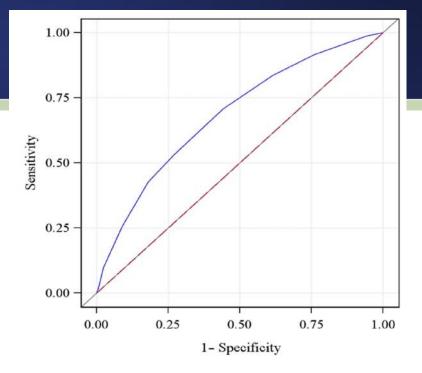
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The simplified "HOSPITAL" Score

Attribute	Points
Low Hemoglobin level at discharge (< 12 g/dL)	1
Discharge from an Oncology division OR active cancer	2
Low Sodium level at discharge (< 135 mmol/L)	
Procedure during hospital stay (any ICD-9 coded	4
procedure)	
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Number of hospital Admission(s) during the previous	
year	
≤1	0
2-5	2
>5	5
Length of stay ≥ 5 days (8 days for Switzerland)	2

C-statistic 0.69



Dointo	Dick optogony	Patients in each category, n	Observed proportion of PAR in the validation study,	Estimated risk of PAR in the validation study,
Points	Risk category	(%)	%	%
0-4	Unlikely	82,383 (70%)	6.4	6.4
≥ 5	Likely	34,682 (30%)	17.3	17.3



Validation Studies - Summary

Design	Setting	Performance
Derivation study	Academic hospital in Boston, MA	0.71
Internal validation study	N=10,701 medical patients	
International external validation study	9 medical centers, 4 countries, N=124,212 medical patients	0.72
Geographical and time transportability		
External validation in CH	3 academic buntries, an	0.67
External validation in CH Restrospective design External validation in CH Prospective 235,000 patients, 16 h Prospective 235,000 patients 3 continents	ospitals, 5 cours	
External validation in patients,		0.70
External val C-statistic: 0.66-0.77 C-statistic: 0.66-0.77	N=436	
External val C-statistic diseases	6 US medical centers	0.68
	N= 9,181	
External validation in Denmark	N= 19,277 medical patients	0.66
External validation in a US moderate sized university hospital	N= 931	0.77
External validation in primary care patients, admitted to any department	N=26,278	0.68



HOSPITAL score

Strengths

- Easy to use score
- Assessment before discharge
- Does not include nonavoidable readmissions
- All medical patients regardless of their main cause of admission
- International validation with good performance

Limitations

 It remains to be shown what interventions reduce the readmission's risk by these high-risk patients

INTERVENTIONS TO REDUCE READMISSIONS

Preventing 30-day readmission

Table 1. Activity-Based Coding Framework for Discharge Interventions	
Label	Activity Observed
Discharge planning	Simply thinking about and formalizing an approach to prepare for discharge when this did not occur in any way in the control arm
Case management	Logistical coordination of care and/or resources not specifically focused on self-management and either not occurring in control arm or occurring to lesser degree
Telephone follow-up	Use of a telephone or videophone for provider-initiated communication after discharge that does not occur in the control arm
Telemonitoring	Use of remote technology designed for the patient to transmit objective measures of health status with or without connected subjective assessment
Patient education	Patient-directed education related to diagnosis or treatment rationale but not focused on encouraging self- management and not occurring in control arm
Self-management	Patient-directed education or coaching directly focused on improving patient's ability to self-manage care needs that does not happen in control arm
Medication intervention	Medication reconciliation or special education aimed at improving medication understanding or adherence; often conducted by a pharmacist but need not be
Home visits	Physical visitation by intervention provider to patient's place of residence when this does not happen in control arm
Follow-up scheduled	Scheduling of a follow-up visit prior to discharge when this is not done in the control arm or is done less reliably

Preventing 30-day readmission

Patient-centered discharge instructions	Some difference in the format or usability of discharge materials to make them more accessible or relevant compared with control
Clinician continuity	Increased provider presence on both sides of the hospital- to-home transition compared with control; may include involvement of PCP in inpatient care or strategic follow-up with inpatient clinician after discharge or "bridging" clinician
Timely follow-up	Postdischarge follow-up visit or communication with patient when this either does not occur or occurs at a later date in the control arm
Timely PCP communication	Engagement with PCP in communication about patient status when this either does not occur or occurs at a later date in the control arm
Patient hotline	Presence of an open line for patient-initiated communication when this either does not exist in the control arm or is more restricted in availability or usefulness
Rehabilitation intervention	Patient-directed rehabilitation efforts that are not entirely diagnosis specific but aimed at improving functional status and do not exist in the control arm
Streamlining	A general streamlining of services provided, often with dedicated assignment of responsibility, when this does not occur in the control arm
Making requisite	Increasing the use or quality of services currently available but underutilized compared with the situation in the control arm
Other	Special situations unique to the intervention (eg, caregiver education, peer mentoring)

Abbreviation: PCP, primary care provider.

Project BOOST

- Different concept: package with risk assesment and intervention.
- BOOST intervention to reduce 30-day readmissions among hospitalized patients.
- Tailored recommendations to local contexts.
- Key Elements:
 - A Comprehensive Intervention developed by a panel of nationally recognized experts based on the best available evidence.
 - A Comprehensive Implementation Guide provides step-by-step instructions.
 - Longitudinal Technical Assistance provides face-to-face training.





Tool for Addressing Risk: A Geriatric Evaluation for Transitions

Diala Assessed 4	
Risk Assessment:	
8P Screening Tool (Check all that apply.)	Risk Specific Intervention
Problem medications	 Medication specific education using Teach Back provided to patient and caregiver
(anticoagulants, insulin,	 Monitoring plan developed and communicated to patient and aftercare providers, where
aspirin & clopidogrel dual	relevant (e.g. warfarin, digoxin and insulin)
therapy, digoxin, narcotics)	 Specific strategies for managing adverse drug events reviewed with patient/caregiver
	□ Follow-up phone call at 72 hours to assess adherence and complications
Psychological	Assessment of need for psychiatric aftercare if not in place
(depression screen positive or	□ Communication with aftercare providers, highlighting this issue if new
h/o depression diagnosis)	□ Involvement/awareness of support network insured
Principal diagnosis	Review of national discharge guidelines, where available
(cancer, stroke, DM,	□ Disease specific education using Teach Back with patient/caregiver
COPD, heart failure)	 Action plan reviewed with patient/caregivers regarding what to do and who to contact in
	the event of worsening or new symptoms
	□ Discuss goals of care and chronic illness model discussed with patient/caregiver
Polypharmacy	□ Elimination of unnecessary medications
(≥5 more routine meds)	□ Simplification of medication scheduling to improve adherence
	 Follow-up phone call at 72 hours to assess adherence and complications
Poor health literacy	□ Committed caregiver involved in planning/administration of all general and risk specific
(inability to do Teach Back)	interventions
	 Aftercare plan education using Teach Back provided to patient and caregiver
	□ Link to community resources for additional patient/caregiver support
	□ Follow-up phone call at 72 hours to assess adherence and complications
Patient support	 Follow-up phone call at 72 hours to assess condition, adherence and complications
(absence of caregiver to assist	 Follow-up appointment with aftercare medical provider within 7 days
with discharge and home care)	□ Involvement of home care providers of services with clear communications of discharge
	plan to those providers
Prior hospitalization	 Review reasons for re-hospitalization in context of prior hospitalization
(non-elective; in last 6 months)	 Follow-up phone call at 72 hours to assess condition, adherence and complications
	 Follow-up appointment with aftercare medical provider within 7 days
Palliative care	Assess need for palliative care services
(Would you be surprised if this	□ Identify goals of care and therapeutic options
patient died in the next year?	Communicate prognosis with patient/family/caregiver
Does this patient have an	Assess and address bothersome symptoms
advanced or progressive serious illness?) Yes to either:	☐ Identify services or benefits available to patients based on advanced disease status
,	Discuss with patient/family/caregiver role of palliative care services and benefits and
	services available





Tool for Addressing Risk: A Geriatric Evaluation for Transitions

Risk Assessment:	
8P Screening Tool	Disk Consider Intermedian
(Check all that apply.)	Risk Specific Intervention
Problem medications	□ Medication specific education using Teach Back provided to patient and caregiver
(anticoagulants, insulin,	 Monitoring plan developed and communicated to patient and aftercare providers, where
aspirin & clopidogrel dual	relevant (e.g. warfarin, digoxin and insulin)
therapy, digoxin, narcotics)	 Specific strategies for managing adverse drug events reviewed with patient/caregiver
	 Follow-up phone call at 72 hours to assess adherence and complications
Psychological	□ Assessment of need for psychiatric aftercare if not in place
(depression screen positive or	□ Communication with aftercare providers, highlighting this issue if new
h/o depression diagnosis)	□ Involvement/awareness of support network insured
Principal diagnosis	 Review of national discharge guidelines, where available
(cancer, stroke, DM,	 Disease specific education using Teach Back with patient/caregiver
COPD, heart failure)	 Action plan reviewed with patient/caregivers regarding what to do and who to contact in
	the event of worsening or new symptoms
	 Discuss goals of care and chronic illness model discussed with patient/caregiver
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Study Result

- Implementation in 11 units, comparison to 19 "control" units.
- The average rate of 30-day rehospitalization in BOOST units was 14.7% prior to implementation and 12.7% 12 months later (P=0.01), reflecting an absolute reduction of 2%.
- Many study limitations.



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Strengths

 Interventions linked with the risk assessment

Limitations

- No validation of the risk assessment tool itself.
- Validation study of the package has many limitations.

Interventions to reduce 30-day readmission

Predischarge Intervention	Postdischarge Intervention	
Patient education	Timely follow-up	
Discharge planning	Timely PCP communication	
Medication reconciliation	Follow-up telephone call	
Appointment scheduled before discharge	Patient hotline	
	Home visit	
Intervention Bridging the Transition		

Transition coach

Patient-centered discharge instructions

Provider continuity



Intervention study: Target-Read Study



Merci pour votre participation!

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