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HSP Framework Dimension: Health System Outputs: Appropriate and effective

Areas of Need: Getting Better

Geographic Coverage: All provinces/territories

Reporting Level/Disaggregation: National, Province/Territory, Region, Facility

Indicator Results: Accessing Indicator Results on Your Health System: In Depth

Identifying Information

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Risk-adjusted rate for each facility = Observed number of readmissions for each facility ÷ Expected number of readmissions for the facility × Canadian average readmission rate

Unit of Analysis: Episode of care

An episode of care refers to all contiguous inpatient hospitalizations and same-day surgery visits. For episodes with transfers within or between facilities, transactions were linked regardless of diagnoses. To construct an episode of care, a transfer is assumed to have occurred if either of the following conditions is met:

1. An acute care hospitalization or a same-day surgery visit occurs less than seven hours after discharge from the previous acute care hospitalization or same-day surgery visit, regardless of whether the transfer is coded
2. An acute care hospitalization or same-day surgery visit occurs between 7 and 12 hours after discharge from the previous acute care hospitalization or same-day surgery visit, and at least one of the hospitalizations or visits has coded the transfer

For episodes of care that involved transfers, readmissions were attributed to the last hospital from which the patient was discharged before readmission.

Calculation: Place of service

Calculation: Rate - per 100

The following covariates are used in risk adjustment:

For a detailed list of covariates used in the model, please refer to the Model Specification (PDF) document for the covariates used in risk adjustment for each of the four specific patient group readmission indicators for details (obstetric, pediatric, surgical and medical).

Method of Adjustment: Logistic regression

Denominator: Obstetric, pediatric, surgical and medical episodes of care discharged between April 1 and March 1 of the fiscal year

Inclusions:
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Numerator

Description:
Cases within the denominator with an urgent readmission within 30 days of discharge after the index episode of care

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Background, Interpretation and Benchmarks

Urgent readmissions to acute care facilities are increasingly being used to measure institutional or regional quality of care and care coordination.

Rationale
Readmission rates can be influenced by a variety of factors, including the quality of inpatient and outpatient care, the effectiveness of the care transition and coordination, and the availability and use of effective disease management community-based programs. While not all unplanned readmissions are avoidable, interventions during and after a hospitalization can be effective in reducing readmission rates.

Interpretation
Lower rates are desirable.

HSP Framework
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Targets / Benchmarks
Not applicable

References


Availability of Data Sources and Results

Data Sources
DAD, HMDB, NACRS

Type of Year:
Fiscal

First Available Year:
2014

Last Available Year:
2019

Geographic Coverage
All provinces/territories

Reporting Level/Disaggregation
National, Province/Territory, Region, Facility

Result Updates
Update Frequency
Every year

Web Tool:
Your Health System: In Depth

Indicator Results
URL:
Accessing Indicator Results on Your Health System: In Depth

Updates
Not applicable

Quality Statement
Not applicable

Caveats and Limitations
Not applicable

Trending Issues
Not applicable

Indicator results are also available in

• Your Health System: In Brief

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