TARGET:HF℠

Identify and Document Factors Contributing to Readmission

Identifying potential gaps in hospital, transitional, and post-discharge care for heart failure contributing to potentially preventable readmission can improve patient care and enhance quality improvement efforts.

Classification Of Readmission

	RELATED TO INITIAL ADMISSION	UNRELATED TO INITIAL ADMISSION
Planned Readmission	☐ Planned and Related	☐ Planned and Unrelated
Unplanned Readmission	☐ Unplanned and Related	☐ Unplanned and Unrelated

Preventable Readmission: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Uncertain

Interval Between Hospital Discharge and Readmission _____ Days

Transition of Care

Interval Between Hospital Discharge and First Outpatient Visit _____ Days or ☐ No Visit

Interval Between Hospital Discharge and First Home Visit _____ Days or ☐ No Visit

Interval Between Hospital Discharge and First Telephone Contact _____ Days or ☐ No Contact

Identified Contributing Causes for Rehospitalization (check all that apply)

☐ Patient assessment breakdown[1]

☐ Patient treatment breakdown[2]

☐ Patient and family caregiver breakdown[3]

☐ Handoff communication breakdown[4]

☐ Post-discharge from the hospital breakdown[5]

☐ No breakdown identified

1 Examples of patient assessment breakdown include failure to assess for comorbid conditions and precipitating factors for decompensation of heart failure.

2 Examples of patient treatment breakdown include non-adherence in providing guideline recommended therapies or treating comorbid conditions.

3 Examples of patient and family caregiver breakdown include lack of skill building, recommended target behaviors, or accounting for the literacy or cognitive status of the patient.

4 Examples of handoff communications can include failure to provide a discharge letter or patient letter that can be shared with the patient's primary care physician or specialists once discharged from the hospital or scheduling an early post-discharge follow up visit.

5 Examples of post-discharge from the hospital breakdown include failure to provide early follow up with the patient post discharge or check post discharge laboratories.