

FHCA 2019 Annual Conference & Trade Show

CE Session #38 – Best Practices to Reduce Return to Hospital for the Skilled Center

Wednesday, August 7 – 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Celebration 3-4 – Clinical/Care Practices

Upon completion of this presentation, the learner will be able to:

- This session will involve an overview of Return to Hospital challenges for skilled nursing centers while admitting much higher acuity of care residents and guests
- Attendees will identify and discuss systems used in their centers and current status of those systems
- Several protocols and processes will be provided for implementation by attendees for use in their centers to reduce Return to Hospital

Seminar Description:

Hear from a provider who has tried and proven best practices to reduce return to hospital rates. Resources will be provided by the Health Services Advisory Group, along with tips on how hospitals and skilled centers can work together.

Presenter Bio(s):

Sara Busacca, RN, BSN, MBA, LNA, RAC-CT has a total of 30 years of health care experience with eight years as a Director of Nursing and 20 plus years as a Nursing Home Administrator. She currently works as a quality improvement specialist for Florida's QIO-QIN, Health Services Advisory Group. Sara works with skilled nursing centers both at a corporate and individual level to improve care coordination and reduce both preventable hospital readmission and adverse drug events.

Holly Musselwhite joined AdventHealth Care Centers in 2015 and serves as Director of Specialty Programs. She has 20 years of health care experience, fueled by a passion for clinical excellence - in acute care, clinical leadership & education, staffing, and most recently in SNF/LTC. Holly loves to travel and learn about how health care works throughout the world. She holds a Master's in Business from Southern Adventist University and a Bachelor's in Nursing.





Best Practices to Reduce Return to Hospital For The Skilled Nursing Center

Sara Busacca, RN, BSN, MBA, LNHA, RAC-CT
Quality Improvement Specialists
 Health Services Advisory Group (HSAG)
 August 5, 2019




Keys to Communication

HSAG- Partnership

- Community coalitions should:
 - Review readmission data for post-acute utilization.
 - Analyze diagnosis-related group (DRG) data.
 - Organize community work-groups.
- Post-acute meetings encourage collaboration between acute hospitals and post-acute providers.
- Individual facility meetings provide an opportunity to address:
 - High volume, high readmission rate centers.
 - Facility-level readmission reports and RCA reviews.



HSAG and the Facility level collaboration

- Facility reports
- Resources
- RCA
- QAPI tools
- Support
- MDS support
- Education to Acute Care on SNF regulatory changes



Utilize the Individual Facility Reports

- Q3 2017–Q2 2018

Table 1: 30-Day All-Cause Readmission Rates

Year Facility	Readmission Rate	Number of Discharges	Percentage of Discharges with a 30-Day Readmission	Risk for Readmission			
				0-7 Days	8-14 Days	15-21 Days	22-30 Days
Region 1	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 2	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 3	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 4	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 5	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 6	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 7	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 8	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 9	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 10	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 11	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 12	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 13	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 14	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 15	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 16	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 17	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 18	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 19	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 20	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 21	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 22	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 23	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 24	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 25	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 26	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 27	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 28	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 29	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 30	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 31	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 32	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 33	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 34	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 35	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 36	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 37	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 38	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 39	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 40	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 41	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 42	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 43	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 44	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 45	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 46	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 47	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 48	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 49	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 50	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%

- Q4 2017–Q3 2018

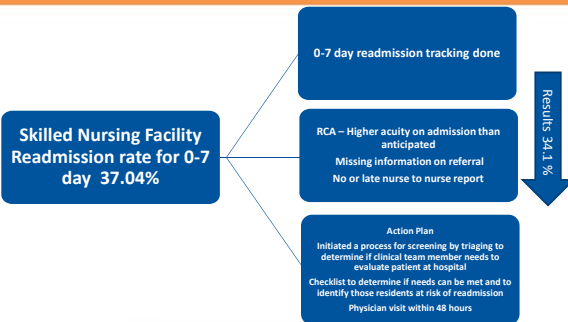
Table 1: 30-Day All-Cause Readmission Rates

Year Facility	Readmission Rate	Number of Discharges	Percentage of Discharges with a 30-Day Readmission	Risk for Readmission			
				0-7 Days	8-14 Days	15-21 Days	22-30 Days
Region 1	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 2	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 3	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 4	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 5	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 6	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 7	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 8	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 9	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 10	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 11	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 12	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 13	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 14	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 15	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 16	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 17	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 18	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 19	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 20	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 21	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 22	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 23	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 24	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 25	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 26	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 27	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 28	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 29	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 30	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 31	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 32	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 33	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 34	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 35	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 36	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 37	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 38	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 39	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 40	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 41	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 42	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 43	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 44	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 45	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 46	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 47	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 48	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 49	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%
Region 50	20.8%	1,045	21.8%	11.1%	15.7%	18.4%	23.8%

The CSAT data file (Part A claims for FFS beneficiaries) was used for this analysis for the time periods of 10/01/2017 – 03/30/18 and 12/01/17–9/30/18.



Case - Facility level collaboration

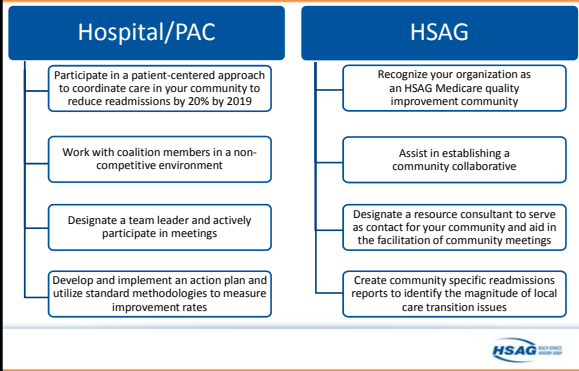


Promising Practices

- Measure nurse competency for disease management and physician communication.
- Use of at-risk for re-hospitalization review tools.
- Use of readmission tracking tools.
- Completing root cause analysis (RCA)/ Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement (QAPI).
- Utilize available resource tools such as Zone Tools and Teach Back.
- Participate in post-acute provider networking and meeting opportunities.



Partnership Roles





HSAG and Hospital Combined Post-Acute Meetings


- Hillsborough Hospital – Post Acute Meeting**
 Education – CHF disease management education for patients and SNF.
- Hospital Education Coordinator provided on-site education for SNF facilities for CHF
 - Utilized and promoted Teach-Back methodology for patient teaching.
 - Communicated to SNF the progress of education and packet for continued education.
 - Streamlined Materials so that education materials are consistent throughout providers.

Results – Reduced HF readmission rates by 3.4% to SNF and Home






 **Quality Improvement Organizations**
Healthcare Excellence. Improving Health Care.
FOR THE HEALTH CARE INDUSTRY & MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES

 **HSAG** HEALTH SERVICES ADVISORY GROUP, INC.

CMS Disclaimer

This material was prepared by Health Services Advisory Group, Inc., the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization for Florida, under contract with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The contents presented do not necessarily reflect CMS policy. Publication No. FL-11SOW-C-3.

19 



Background

- AdventHealth Care Center Apopka North
- Closest SNF to the local hospital
- SNF Administrator attends monthly community meeting, DON attends on occasion.
 - Receives quarterly data from HSAG when attending these meetings.
 - Receives HSAG community readmission data quarterly
 - Participant in SNF-to-ED transfer tool deployment
 - Requested bene-level review of CMS claims data for readmissions from HSAG
- SNF team noted sharp rise in readmission Q4 2017-Q1 2018
- New hospital leadership
- New SNF facility DON & ADON



Hospital leadership reached out to the facility requesting a meeting to discuss readmissions.
 Data analyzed by SNF and hospital prior to meeting
 Current readmissions in the last 45 days
 Facility readmission patterns HSAG data reports
 SNF and hospital leaders met to review readmission cases & trends
 Plan to meet monthly at alternate sites, involve facility clinical leaders

New Dialogue Begins





Data

- 74% of readmissions in a 6 month period occurred within 0-7 days of SNF admission
- Majority of readmission to hospital happened during 11p-7a
- Most common readmission diagnosis was infection; majority had infection diagnosis while in hospital initially
- Half of the readmissions had an index hospital stay longer than 7 days
- Cases reviewed showed many had refused palliative and hospice care during the index hospital stay, and remained full code status
 - Several who initially refused palliative/hospice - when readmitted to the hospital - were accepting of DNR orders and Palliative/Hospice care
 - Some cases expired within 6 months from SNF discharge



SNF Opportunities

On-call after-hours providers more likely to send residents to the hospital.
Standardized process for Nurse Shift-to-shift handoff to 11-7
Physician collaboration
Hardwire SBAR
Pre-Admission Screening
Process/Timing for Advanced Care Planning



Hospital Opportunities

3008 accuracy
Staff nurse education, current and new-hire
Supervisor education (<15% were accurate)
Nurse to Nurse hand-off
Low number of completed hospital to SNF reports called
Hand-off to SNF regarding hospital work done on Advanced Care Planning
Hand-off to SNF regarding infection treatment plan and pending culture results



Actions Taken

- Physician/Physician extender rounding schedule adapted to ensure new admits seen early in stay (no later than 72 hours)
- Meet with physicians with higher readmission rates, strategize and share concerns
- Nurses to speak with DON prior to transfer to hospital for non-911 cases
- Nurse-to-nurse shift hand-off standard format
- SBAR education with emphasis on preparation with S-B-A before call
- Training provided on Advanced Care Planning
- Initiate Pre-Admission Screening tool to ID risks and needs
- Meet with all providers to review readmission rates and rounding schedules
- Improve timeline/process for Advanced Care Planning



Results



Summary

Use data and tools from HSAG, facility, and hospital to examine the trends

Participate in community efforts, attending meetings and taking action

Identify problems and collaborate on efforts regularly

Share what is working, and what is not, with openness

Don't accept the status quo!





[This Photo by Unknown Author is licensed under CC BY-ND](#)