

About Readmission Rate Measures

Returning to the hospital after getting care for a heart attack

Hospitals keep track of how many of their patients had to go back to the hospital soon after getting care for a heart attack (readmission rate). These rates show how many patients had to go back to a hospital within 30 days of their original stay. The patients may have needed hospital care because of their heart attack or for a different reason.

A lower score is better.

The rate takes into account how sick patients were before they went to the hospital (it is risk-adjusted). Ratings include a significance test that makes us more confident the hospital rating is accurate. This measure is endorsed by the National Quality Forum, an independent organization that sets standards for health care quality measurement.

Clinical Title: Acute myocardial infarction (AMI) 30-day readmission rate

Measure Code: READM-30-AMI

Data Source: [CMS Hospital Compare – Unplanned Hospital Visits](#)

Returning to the hospital after getting care for heart failure

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Clinical Title: Heart failure (HF) 30-day readmission rate

Measure Code: READM-30-HF

Data Source: [CMS Hospital Compare – Unplanned Hospital Visits](#)

Returning to the hospital after getting care for pneumonia

Hospitals keep track of how many of their patients had to go back to the hospital soon after getting care for pneumonia (readmission rate). These rates show how many patients had to go back to a hospital within 30 days of their original stay. The patients may have needed hospital care because of their pneumonia or for a different reason.

A lower score is better.

The rate takes into account how sick patients were before they went to the hospital (it is risk-adjusted). Ratings include a significance test that makes us more confident the hospital rating is accurate. This measure is endorsed by the National Quality Forum, an independent organization that sets standards for health care quality measurement.

Clinical Title: Pneumonia (PN) 30-day readmission rate
Measure Code: READM-30-PN
Data Source: [CMS Hospital Compare – Unplanned Hospital Visits](#)

Returning to the hospital for any unplanned reason within 30 days after being discharged

A lower score is better.

The rate takes into account how sick patients were before they went to the hospital (it is risk-adjusted). Ratings include a significance test that makes us more confident the hospital rating is accurate.

Clinical Title: 30-day hospital-wide all- cause unplanned readmission (HWR)
Measure Code: READM-30-HOSP-WIDE
Data Source: [CMS Hospital Compare – Unplanned Hospital Visits](#)

Unplanned Hospital Visits

30-day Readmission Rates

Percentage of Patients Who Return to the Hospital after Getting Care for a Heart Attack

(National Rate 15.7%)

Hospital Name	Risk-Adjusted Rate (%)	Number of Cases	Risk-Adjusted Confidence Interval
National Rate	15.7		
Central Vermont Medical Center	⊖ 15.8	81	12.8 - 19.3
North Country Hospital	⊖ 16.1	30	12.7 - 20.2
Northwestern Medical Center	⊖ 15.5	46	12.5 - 19.0
Rutland Regional Medical Center	⊖ 16.3	60	13.3 - 20.0
Southwestern Vermont Medical Center	⊖ 15.5	44	12.4 - 19.0
Springfield Hospital	⊖ 15.3	29	12.2 - 18.8
University of Vermont Medical Center	⊖ 14.8	1077	13.1 - 16.8

- ⊖ means hospital was rated **no different** than the national rate.
- Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, Copley Hospital, Gifford Medical Center, Mt. Ascutney Hospital, Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital, and Porter Hospital's number of cases/patients were **too small to report** for this period ¹.
- Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital's result was **not available** for this reporting period ⁵.

Percentage of Patients Who Return to the Hospital after Getting Care for a Heart Failure
(National Rate 21.6%)

Hospital Name	Risk-Adjusted Rate (%)	Number of Cases	Risk-Adjusted Confidence Interval
National Rate	21.6		
Brattleboro Memorial Hospital	⊖ 19.7	108	16.2 - 23.9
Central Vermont Medical Center	⊖ 20.1	356	17.0 - 23.4
Copley Hospital	⊖ 18.9	107	15.3 - 23.1
Gifford Medical Center	⊖ 21.7	146	18.0 - 26.3
Mt. Ascutney Hospital	⊖ 22.3	69	18.1 - 27.5
North Country Hospital	⊖ 22.6	99	18.5 - 27.3
Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital	⊖ 19.6	110	16.1 - 23.7
Northwestern Medical Center	⊖ 22.9	215	19.4 - 26.9
Porter Hospital	⊖ 20.7	97	16.8 - 25.0
Rutland Regional Medical Center	⊖ 19.0	360	16.1 - 22.1
Southwestern Vermont Medical Center	⊖ 23.4	395	20.0 - 27.1
Springfield Hospital	⊖ 21.2	148	17.7 - 25.3
University of Vermont Medical Center	⊖ 19.8	820	17.6 - 22.1

- ⊖ means hospital is rated **no different** than the national rate.
- Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital's number of cases/patients is **too small to report** ¹.

Percentage of Patients Who Return to the Hospital after Getting Care for a Pneumonia
(National Rate 16.6%)

Hospital Name	Risk-Adjusted Rate (%)	Number of Cases	Risk-Adjusted Confidence Interval
National Rate	16.6		
Brattleboro Memorial Hospital	⊖ 16.5	171	13.5 - 20.0
Central Vermont Medical Center	⊖ 14.5	429	12.3 - 17.1
Copley Hospital	⊖ 17.3	153	14.1 - 21.2
Gifford Medical Center	⊖ 16.6	178	13.5 - 20.2
Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital	⊖ 16.2	35	12.7 - 20.3
Mt. Ascutney Hospital	⊖ 15.7	88	12.6 - 19.6
North Country Hospital	⊖ 17.4	215	14.3 - 21.0
Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital	⊖ 15.4	127	12.4 - 18.8
Northwestern Medical Center	⊖ 16.5	293	13.7 - 19.5
Porter Hospital	⊖ 16.2	256	13.5 - 19.5
Rutland Regional Medical Center	⊖ 15.5	462	13.2 - 18.0
Southwestern Vermont Medical Center	⊖ 16.5	560	14.3 - 19.2
Springfield Hospital	⊖ 16.6	306	13.8 - 19.7
University of Vermont Medical Center	▲ 13.6	518	11.6 - 16.1

- ⊖ means hospital was rated **no different** than the national rate.
- ▲ means hospital was rated **better** than the national rate.

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Hospital-wide Readmission Rates

Rate of Readmission after Discharge from Hospital (Hospital-wide)

(National Rate 15.3%)

Hospital Name	Risk-Adjusted Rate (%)	Number of Cases	Risk-Adjusted Confidence Interval
National Rate	15.3		
Brattleboro Memorial Hospital	⊖ 15.3	713	14.1 - 16.7
Central Vermont Medical Center	⊖ 15.4	1520	14.3 - 16.5
Copley Hospital	⊖ 15.2	779	13.8 - 16.7
Gifford Medical Center	⊖ 15.5	496	14.2 - 16.8
Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital	⊖ 15.0	87	13.3 - 17.1
Mt. Ascutney Hospital	⊖ 14.8	196	13.2 - 16.3
North Country Hospital	⊖ 16.0	579	14.7 - 17.6
Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital	⊖ 15.1	510	13.8 - 16.4
Northwestern Medical Center	⊖ 15.4	918	14.2 - 16.7
Porter Hospital	⊖ 15.2	534	13.8 - 16.7
Rutland Regional Medical Center	⊖ 14.7	2537	13.8 - 15.8
Southwestern Vermont Medical Center	⊖ 15.0	1342	13.9 - 16.1
Springfield Hospital	⊖ 15.0	632	13.7 - 16.3
University of Vermont Medical Center	⊖ 14.6	5679	13.9 - 15.4

- ⊖ means hospital was rated **no different** than the national rate.