

## About Readmission Rate Measures

### Returning to the hospital after getting care for a heart attack

(Reporting period for this report: 7/1/2018-6/30/2021)

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

(Reporting period for this report: 7/1/2018-6/30/2021)

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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: 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**

**(Reporting period for this report: 7/1/2018-6/30/2021)**

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**

**(Reporting period for this report: 7/1/2020-6/30/2021)**

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 15.0 %)

Hospital Name	Risk-Adjusted Rate (%)	Number of included patients	Risk-Adjusted Confidence Interval
National Rate	15.0		
Central Vermont Medical Center	⊖ 15.5	45	12.4 - 19.3
University of Vermont Medical Center	⊖ 13.4	730	11.5 - 15.6

- ⊖ means hospital was rated **no different** than the national rate.
- Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, Copley Hospital, Gifford Medical Center, Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital, Mt. Ascutney Hospital, North Country Hospital, Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital, Northwestern Medical Center, Porter Hospital, Rutland Regional Medical Center, Southwestern Vermont Medical Center, and Springfield Hospital's number of cases/patients were **too small to report** for this period <sup>1</sup>.

**Percentage of Patients Who Return to the Hospital after Getting Care for a Heart Failure**  
 (National Rate 21.3 %)

Hospital Name	Risk-Adjusted Rate (%)	Number of Included Patients	Risk-Adjusted Confidence Interval
National Rate	21.3		
Brattleboro Memorial Hospital	⊖ 24.7	108	20.6 - 29.4
Central Vermont Medical Center	⊖ 23.2	288	19.8 - 26.6
Copley Hospital	⊖ 22.3	62	18.2 - 27.0
Gifford Medical Center	⊖ 22.5	75	18.5 - 27.2
Mt. Ascutney Hospital	⊖ 21.3	56	17.3 - 25.7
North Country Hospital	⊖ 21.1	85	17.2 - 25.6
Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital	⊖ 21.3	66	17.6 - 25.7
Northwestern Medical Center	⊖ 23.0	159	19.5 - 27.0
Porter Hospital	⊖ 20.8	72	16.9 - 25.1
Rutland Regional Medical Center	⊖ 21.6	248	18.4 - 25.1
Southwestern Vermont Medical Center	⊖ 23.1	232	19.8 - 27.3
Springfield Hospital	⊖ 22.0	94	18.3 - 26.4
University of Vermont Medical Center	⊖ 20.5	735	18.1 - 23.0

- ⊖ 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** <sup>1</sup>.

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

Hospital Name	Risk-Adjusted Rate (%)	Number of Included Patients	Risk-Adjusted Confidence Interval
National Rate	n/a	n/a	n/a
Brattleboro Memorial Hospital	n/a	n/a	n/a
Central Vermont Medical Center	n/a	n/a	n/a
Copley Hospital	n/a	n/a	n/a
Gifford Medical Center	n/a	n/a	n/a
Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital	n/a	n/a	n/a
Mt. Ascutney Hospital	n/a	n/a	n/a
North Country Hospital	n/a	n/a	n/a
Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital	n/a	n/a	n/a
Northwestern Medical Center	n/a	n/a	n/a
Porter Hospital	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rutland Regional Medical Center	n/a	n/a	n/a
Southwestern Vermont Medical Center	n/a	n/a	n/a
Springfield Hospital	n/a	n/a	n/a
University of Vermont Medical Center	n/a	n/a	n/a

- The results for these measures were excluded for various reasons, like data inaccuracies.

## Unplanned Hospital Visits

### Hospital-wide Readmission Rates

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

(National Rate 15.0%)

Hospital Name	Risk-Adjusted Rate (%)	Number of Included Patients	Risk-Adjusted Confidence Interval
National Rate	15.0		
Brattleboro Memorial Hospital	⊖ 15.1	471	13.6 - 16.7
Central Vermont Medical Center	▼ 17.2	1269	15.4 - 18.5
Copley Hospital	⊖ 15.1	652	13.4 - 16.9
Gifford Medical Center	⊖ 16.4	429	14.7 - 18.2
Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital	⊖ 15.0	45	13.1 - 17.0
Mt. Ascutney Hospital	⊖ 15.8	176	13.9 - 17.7
North Country Hospital	⊖ 15.5	460	14.0 - 17.0
Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital	⊖ 15.5	425	14.0 - 17.2
Northwestern Medical Center	⊖ 14.6	686	13.3 - 15.9
Porter Hospital	⊖ 15.4	447	13.9 - 16.9
Rutland Regional Medical Center	⊖ 14.8	1700	13.8 - 15.8
Southwestern Vermont Medical Center	⊖ 14.9	1004	13.3 - 15.8
Springfield Hospital	⊖ 14.3	366	12.8 - 16.0
University of Vermont Medical Center	⊖ 14.9	5043	14.2 - 15.7

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