Readmission and returns to acute care following hospitalisation for eight clinical conditions, July 2015 – June 2018

Measures that assess how healthcare affects patient outcomes, such as risk-standardised readmission ratios (RSRR), make a crucial contribution to informing efforts to improve care. They should be looked at alongside other measures and used by clinicians as a tool to prompt discussion and inform the development of quality improvement initiatives.

For this report, readmission includes both readmission following hospital discharge and returns to acute care from non-acute inpatient settings. This allows for fairer comparisons given the range of different arrangements hospitals have in place for nonacute care.

The RSRR differs from other readmission indicators principally because it is risk-adjusted and it takes into account readmission to any, rather than just the same, hospital. This includes readmissions to all hospitals, public and private, and provides a more meaningful and accurate reflection of readmissions, which are attributed to the last discharging hospital. The RSRR calculation takes into account the volume and characteristics of adults treated in each hospital (known as the case mix), as different hospitals provide care to patients who may be more or less likely to require readmission following discharge.

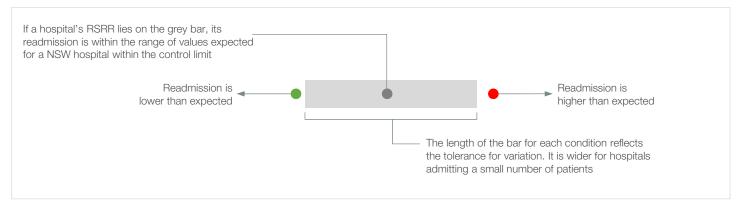
For each hospital, the RSRR compares the 'observed' number of readmissions to any hospital, within 30 days of discharge for a specific clinical condition or within 60 days for specified surgical procedures, with the 'expected' number of readmissions. The expected number of readmissions is calculated based on all adults admitted with that condition to any New South Wales (NSW) hospital.

The RSRR is a ratio. A ratio of less than 1.0 indicates that readmission was lower than expected to that hospital, whereas a ratio higher than 1.0 indicates higher readmission. Small deviations from 1.0 are not considered meaningful. The RSRR is not designed to compare hospitals to each other. Rather it compares each hospital's outcomes with what would have been expected given its particular case mix.

Risk-standardised readmission ratios (RSRRs) for eight clinical conditions

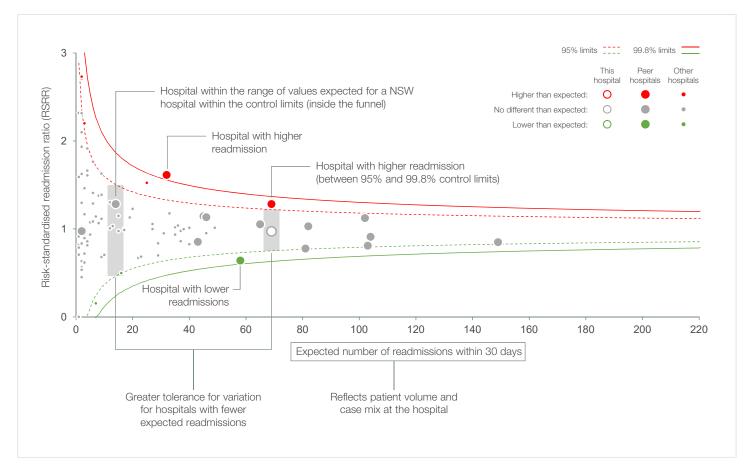
Condition	RSRR			July 201	5 – Jur	ne 2018			R	SRRs fo	r three-ye	ear perio	ds
		0.0	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0	July 03 – June 06	July 06 – June 09	July 09 – June 12	July 12 – June 15	July 15 – June 18
Acute myocardial infarction	1.14								•	•	•	•	•
Ischaemic stroke	1.30				•				•	•	•	•	•
Congestive heart failure	1.08								•	•	•	•	•
Pneumonia	1.16			-					•	•	•	•	•
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	0.99								•	•	•	•	•
Hip fracture surgery	1.43				•				•	•	•	•	•
Total hip replacement	1.12			•					•	•	•	•	•
Total knee replacement	0.86			•					•	•	•	•	•
Readmission this period: Lower than expected No different than expected Higher than expected 										tistically sigr significant c) cases		lt	

How to interpret the dashboard



How to interpret a funnel plot

Funnel plots with 95% and 99.8% control limits around the NSW ratio are used to identify outlier hospitals, which are shaded in green or red. Control limits reflect the expected variation in the data.



30-day readmission following hospitalisation for acute myocardial infarction, July 2015 – June 2018

Patient cohort, index hospitalisations^{1,2,3}

	This hospital	NSW
otal index cases for acute myocardial infarction	1,341	28,583
Average length of stay (days)	4.1	5.2
Patients transferred in from acute care in another hospital	112	9,182
Discharge destination		
Home	1,284	25,477
Other	57	3,106

Age profile for index hospitalisations (years)⁴

				■15	_44 ■45-0	65-74	■75–84	85+				
This hospital	6.3	38.9		27.1		19.2		8.5				
NSW	4.8	34.2		24.1		21.9	15.0					
		% index cases										

Patient factors associated with 30-day acute myocardial infarction readmission^{5,6}

Depression					0.	5			
Lymphoma					0.2	2			
Solid tumour without metastasis				,	-0.6				
Diabetes, complicated				-	0.9				
Peripheral vascular disorder				-1	.1				
Abuse drug/alcohol/psychoses				-1	.2				
Coagulopathy				-1	.2				
Deficiency anaemia				-1.	5				
Female				-1.7	7				
Chronic pulmonary disease				-2.7					
Previous AMI admission				-3.4					
Cardiac arrhythmia				-4.5					
Hypertension			-	-5.3					
Congestive heart failure			-	5.5					
Fluid and electrolyte disorders			-8.1						
-21	0	-15	-10	-5	0	5 ses with factor re	10	15	20

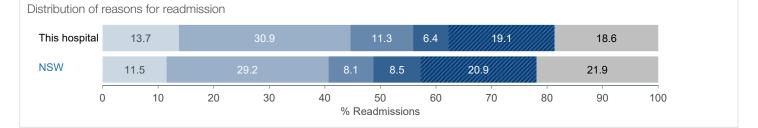
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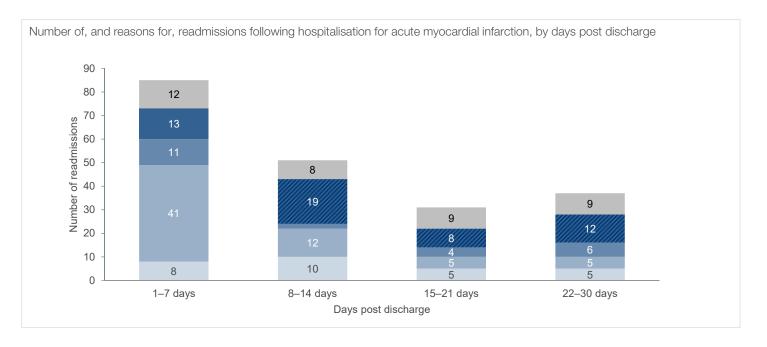
30-day readmission following hospitalisation for acute myocardial infarction, July 2015 – June 2018

ocation of readmissions ⁷	This hospital	NSW
Total readmissions following index hospitalisation for acute myocardial infarction	204	4,250
Returns to acute care	7	159
Readmitted following hospital discharge	197	4,091
Readmitted to the same hospital where acute care was completed	153	2,815
Readmitted to a different hospital	44	1,276
To an urban public hospital	32	
To a regional or rural public hospital	3	
To a private hospital	9	

Reasons for and time to readmission⁸

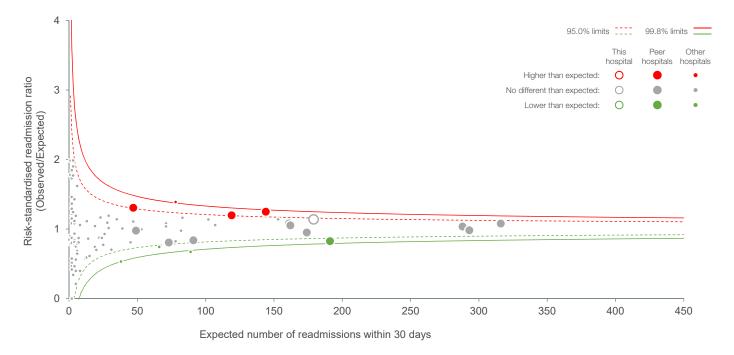
- Same principal diagnosis
- Potentially related to hospital care (time sensitive, <7 days post discharge)
- Condition related to principal diagnosis
- Potentially related to hospital care (time sensitive, 8–30 days post discharge)
- Potentially related to hospital care (not time sensitive)
- Other conditions



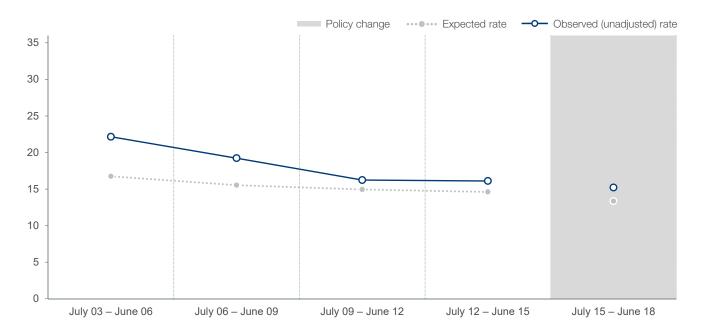


30-day readmission following hospitalisation for acute myocardial infarction, July 2015 – June 2018

Acute myocardial infarction risk-standardised **readmission ratios** by number of expected readmissions, NSW public hospitals⁹



Acute myocardial infarction, this hospital's expected **readmission rates**¹⁰ and observed (unadjusted) readmission rates, July 2003 – June 2018



Reference notes

- 1. Data refer to patients aged 15+ years who were discharged from this hospital to a non-acute care setting, between July 2015 and June 2018, following an acute hospitalisation with AMI as principal diagnosis (ICD-10-AM codes I21, I22).
- For calculation of average length of stay, index admissions that were transferred in from, or transferred out to, another acute care hospital were excluded. Unreasonably long episodes are trimmed on the basis of the Diagnosis Related Group (DRG) of the episode. The trim point is the third quartile plus 1.5x the interquartile range of all in-scope episodes in each DRG.
- 3. For episodes coded as 'Discharged by hospital' or 'Discharged on leave', patients are considered as discharged home. All other modes of separation are deemed a discharge destination other than home. Where there is a non-acute care admission within one day of any discharge, it is not considered as discharged home regardless of the mode of separation.
- 4. Age at admission date.
- Comorbidities are identified from the hospital discharge records using the Elixhauser comorbidity set (plus dementia) with a one year look-back from the date of the admission. Only those conditions that were found to have a statistically significant impact on readmission (p<0.05) are shown.
- 6. Age was a statistically significant factor in the final model for acute myocardial infarction.
- Readmissions include both returns to acute care from non-acute inpatient settings and readmissions following hospital discharge. Hospitals are classified as urban and regional/rural using the geocoded address of the hospital assigned to Australian Bureau of Statistics statistical areas (SA2) and the Australian remoteness index for areas.
- 8. Reasons for readmission follow the same clinical grouping as used in the previous report *Return to acute care following discharge from hospital, July 2012 June 2015.* Please refer to the previously published *Spotlight on Measurement: Measuring return to acute care following discharge from hospital, 2nd edition,* which outline the specifications used to describe reasons for readmission.
- 9. Results for hospitals with expected readmission <1 are not shown. Hospitals are classified according to the NSW Ministry of Health's peer grouping as at January 2018.
- 10. Readmission rates at an average NSW public hospital with the same case-mix.

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30-day readmission following hospitalisation for ischaemic stroke, July 2015 – June 2018

Patient cohort, index hospitalisations^{1,2,3}

'	11011
620	16,435
7.8	7.3
44	1,916
369	8,688
251	7,747
	620 7.8 44 369 251

Age profile for index hospitalisations (years)⁴

						■15-44	■45–64	■65-74	4 ■75–84	85+	
This hospital	4.4	23.9		26.9		25.7			19.2		
NSW		20.0		23.5		30.4			22.4		

% index cases

Patient factors associated with 30-day ischaemic stroke readmission^{5,6}

Cardiac arrhythmia							4.4			
Diabetes, complicated							3.3			
Other neurological disorders							2.7			
Weight loss						1	.9			
Coagulopathy						1.1				
Liver disease						0.1				
Solid tumour without metastasis						0.0				
Lymphoma				-	0.3					
Deficiency anaemia				-	0.4					
Congestive heart failure				-().5					
Fluid and electrolyte disorders				-2.0						
-	20	-15	-10	-5	C)	5	10	15	20
			% differe	nce from NSW	(inde	x cases	with factor r	ecorded)		

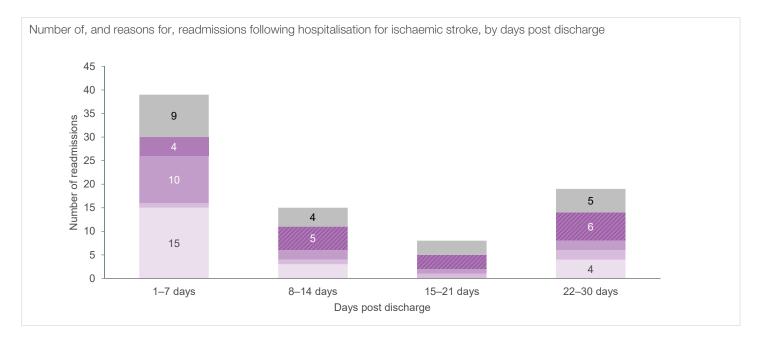
30-day readmission following hospitalisation for ischaemic stroke, July 2015 – June 2018

Location of readmissions ⁷	This hospital	NSW	
Total readmissions following index hospitalisation for ischaemic stroke	81	1,638	
Returns to acute care	26	505	
Readmitted following hospital discharge	55	1,133	
Readmitted to the same hospital where acute care was completed	42	868	
Readmitted to a different hospital	13	265	
To an urban public hospital	10		
To a regional or rural public hospital	1		
To a private hospital	2		

Reasons for and time to readmission⁸

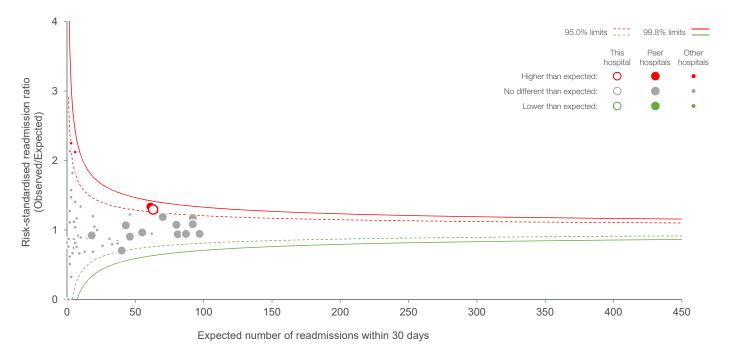
- Same principal diagnosis
- Potentially related to hospital care (time sensitive, ≤7 days post discharge)
- Condition related to principal diagnosis
- Potentially related to hospital care (time sensitive, 8–30 days post discharge)
- Potentially related to hospital care (not time sensitive)
- Other conditions

Distribution of r	reasons for readm	ission								
This hospital	26.8		7.3	18.3	4	1.9	7.1		25.6	
NSW	18.2	8.8		20.5	5.4	12.8		34.3		
C	0 10	20	30	40 % Re	50 eadmissio	60 ons	70	80	90	100

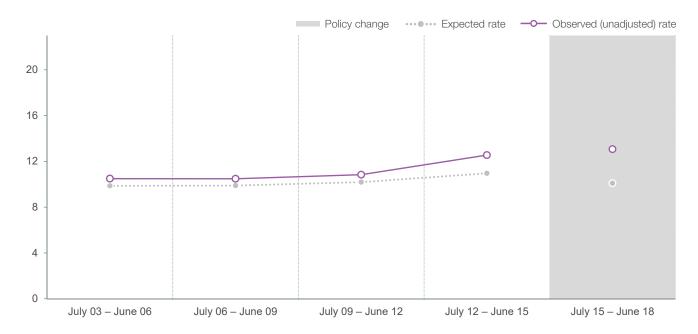


30-day readmission following hospitalisation for ischaemic stroke, July 2015 – June 2018

Ischaemic stroke risk-standardised **readmission ratios** by number of expected readmissions, NSW public hospitals⁹



Ischaemic stroke, this hospital's expected **readmission rates**¹⁰ and observed (unadjusted) readmission rates, July 2003 – June 2018



Reference notes

- 1. Data refer to patients aged 15+ years who were discharged from this hospital to a non-acute care setting, between July 2015 and June 2018, following an acute hospitalisation with ischaemic stroke as principal diagnosis (ICD-10-AM code I63).
- For calculation of average length of stay, index admissions that were transferred in from, or transferred out to, another acute care hospital were excluded. Unreasonably long episodes are trimmed on the basis of the Diagnosis Related Group (DRG) of the episode. The trim point is the third quartile plus 1.5x the interquartile range of all in-scope episodes in each DRG.
- 3. For episodes coded as 'Discharged by hospital' or 'Discharged on leave', patients are considered as discharged home. All other modes of separation are deemed a discharge destination other than home. Where there is a non-acute care admission within one day of any discharge, it is not considered as discharged home regardless of the mode of separation.
- 4. Age at admission date.
- Comorbidities are identified from the hospital discharge records using the Elixhauser comorbidity set (plus dementia) with a one year look-back from the date of the admission. Only those conditions that were found to have a statistically significant impact on readmission (p<0.05) are shown.
- 6. Age was not a statistically significant factor in the final model for ischaemic stroke.
- Readmissions include both returns to acute care from non-acute inpatient settings and readmissions following hospital discharge. Hospitals are classified as urban and regional/rural using the geocoded address of the hospital assigned to Australian Bureau of Statistics statistical areas (SA2) and the Australian remoteness index for areas.
- 8. Reasons for readmission follow the same clinical grouping as used in the previous report *Return to acute care following discharge from hospital, July 2012 June 2015.* Please refer to the previously published *Spotlight on Measurement: Measuring return to acute care following discharge from hospital, 2nd edition,* which outline the specifications used to describe reasons for readmission.
- 9. Results for hospitals with expected readmission <1 are not shown. Hospitals are classified according to the NSW Ministry of Health's peer grouping as at January 2018.
- 10. Readmission rates at an average NSW public hospital with the same case-mix.

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30-day readmission following hospitalisation for congestive heart failure, July 2015 – June 2018

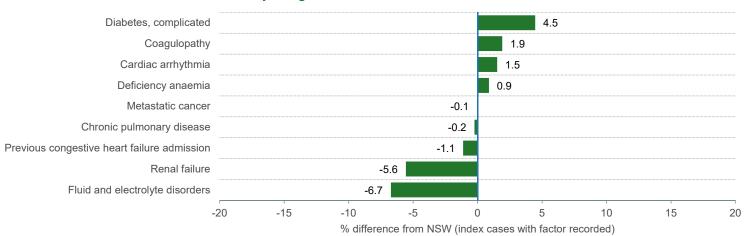
Patient cohort, index hospitalisations^{1,2,3}

I his hospital	NSW
1,021	33,686
6.2	6.0
18	2,723
951	29,025
70	4,661
	1,021 6.2 18 951 70

Age profile for index hospitalisations (years)⁴

							∎15-44	■ 45–64	■65–74	■75–84	85+
This hospital	5.3	14	.7	24.7			31.1			24.3	
NSW		10.8		18.9		33.6					
						% index cases					

Patient factors associated with 30-day congestive heart failure readmission^{5,6}



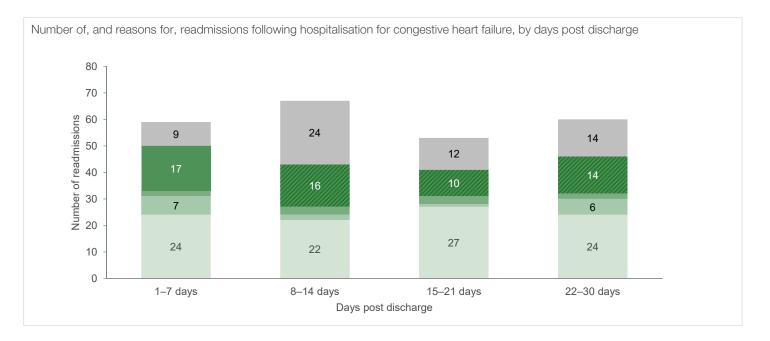
30-day readmission following hospitalisation for congestive heart failure, July 2015 – June 2018

Location of readmissions ⁷	This hospital	NSW
Total readmissions following index hospitalisation for congestive heart failure	239	7,465
Returns to acute care	11	309
Readmitted following hospital discharge	228	7,156
Readmitted to the same hospital where acute care was completed	199	5,843
Readmitted to a different hospital	29	1,313
To an urban public hospital	24	
To a regional or rural public hospital	0	
To a private hospital	5	

Reasons for and time to readmission⁸

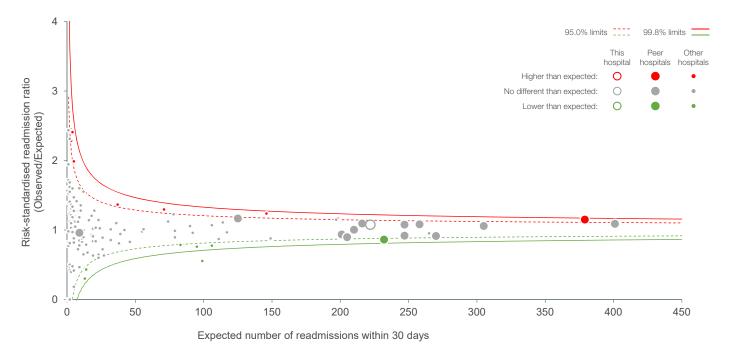
- Same principal diagnosis
- Potentially related to hospital care (time sensitive, ≤7 days post discharge)
- Condition related to principal diagnosis
- Potentially related to hospital care (time sensitive, 8–30 days post discharge)
- Potentially related to hospital care (not time sensitive)
- Other conditions

Distribution of	reasons	for readm	nission									
This hospital			40.7			6.6 4.1	7.8		16.5		24.3	
NSW			36.5		6.4	7.4	8.0		17.9		23.8	
(ָ כ	10	20	30	40	50 % Readm		60	70	80	90	10

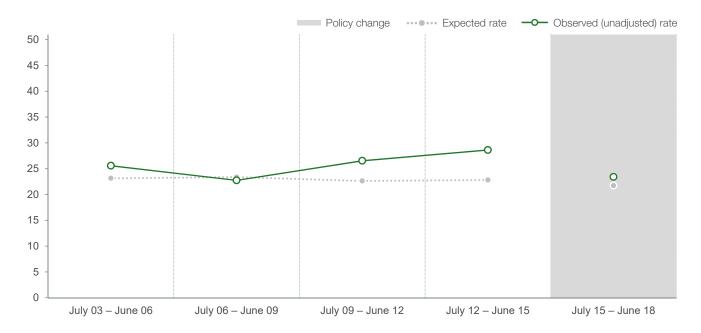


30-day readmission following hospitalisation for congestive heart failure, July 2015 – June 2018

Congestive heart failure risk-standardised **readmission ratios** by number of expected readmissions, NSW public hospitals⁹



Congestive heart failure, this hospital's expected **readmission rates**¹⁰ and observed (unadjusted) readmission rates, July 2003 – June 2018



Reference notes

- 1. Data refer to patients aged 15+ years who were discharged from this hospital to a non-acute care setting, between July 2015 and June 2018, following an acute hospitalisation with congestive heart failure as principal diagnosis (ICD-10-AM codes I11.0, I13.0, I13.2, I50.0, I50.1, I50.9).
- For calculation of average length of stay, index admissions that were transferred in from, or transferred out to, another acute care hospital were excluded. Unreasonably long episodes are trimmed on the basis of the Diagnosis Related Group (DRG) of the episode. The trim point is the third quartile plus 1.5x the interquartile range of all in-scope episodes in each DRG.
- 3. For episodes coded as 'Discharged by hospital' or 'Discharged on leave', patients are considered as discharged home. All other modes of separation are deemed a discharge destination other than home. Where there is a non-acute care admission within one day of any discharge, it is not considered as discharged home regardless of the mode of separation.
- 4. Age at admission date.
- Comorbidities are identified from the hospital discharge records using the Elixhauser comorbidity set (plus dementia) with a one year look-back from the date of the admission. Only those conditions that were found to have a statistically significant impact on readmission (p<0.05) are shown.
- 6. Age was not a statistically significant factor in the final model for congestive heart failure.
- Readmissions include both returns to acute care from non-acute inpatient settings and readmissions following hospital discharge. Hospitals are classified as urban and regional/rural using the geocoded address of the hospital assigned to Australian Bureau of Statistics statistical areas (SA2) and the Australian remoteness index for areas.
- 8. Reasons for readmission follow the same clinical grouping as used in the previous report *Return to acute care following discharge from hospital, July 2012 June 2015.* Please refer to the previously published *Spotlight on Measurement: Measuring return to acute care following discharge from hospital, 2nd edition,* which outline the specifications used to describe reasons for readmission.
- 9. Results for hospitals with expected readmission <1 are not shown. Hospitals are classified according to the NSW Ministry of Health's peer grouping as at January 2018.
- 10. Readmission rates at an average NSW public hospital with the same case-mix.

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30-day readmission following hospitalisation for pneumonia, July 2015 – June 2018

Patient cohort, index hospitalisations^{1,2,3}

This hospital	NSW
1,245	48,855
5.3	5.1
42	3,190
1,143	42,535
102	6,320
	This hospital 1,245 5.3 42 1,143 102

Age profile for index hospitalisations (years)⁴

				1 8-	-44	45-64	65-74	75-84	85+
This hospital	14.1	22.9	23.5			22.8		16.8	
NSW	11.1	19.9 19.9 26.1			23.0				
			0/ 1						

% index cases

Patient factors associated with 30-day pneumonia readmission^{5,6}

Weight loss		3.8
Diabetes, complicated		2.5
Cardiac arrhythmia		1.8
Fluid and electrolyte disorders		1.1
Paralysis		1.0
Coagulopathy		0.9
Solid tumour without metastasis		0.7
Female		0.5
Metastatic cancer		0.5
Liver disease		0.4
Lymphoma		0.2
Deficiency anaemia	-0.2	
Depression	-0.2	
Rheumatoid arthritis/collagen	-0.2	
Abuse drug/alcohol/psychoses	-0.3	
Previous pneumonia admission	-0.3	
Congestive heart failure	-0.4	
Renal failure	-0.5	
Peripheral vascular disorder	-0.6	
Chronic pulmonary disease	-1.1	
Hypertension	-1.9	

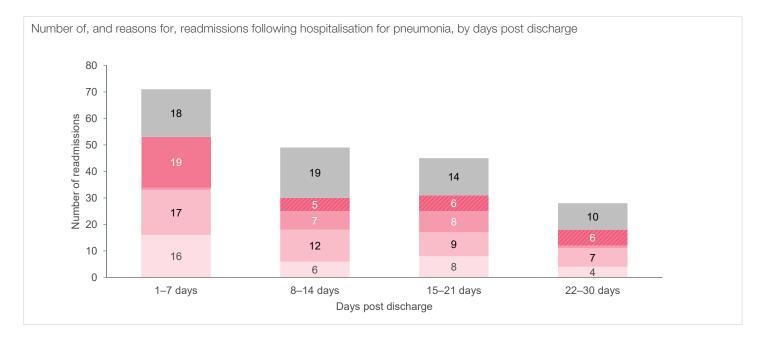
30-day readmission following hospitalisation for pneumonia, July 2015 – June 2018

Location of readmissions ⁷	This hospital	NSW
Total readmissions following index hospitalisation for pneumonia	193	6,704
Returns to acute care	8	325
Readmitted following hospital discharge	185	6,379
Readmitted to the same hospital where acute care was completed	148	5,201
Readmitted to a different hospital	37	1,178
To an urban public hospital	27	
To a regional or rural public hospital	6	
To a private hospital	4	

Reasons for and time to readmission⁸

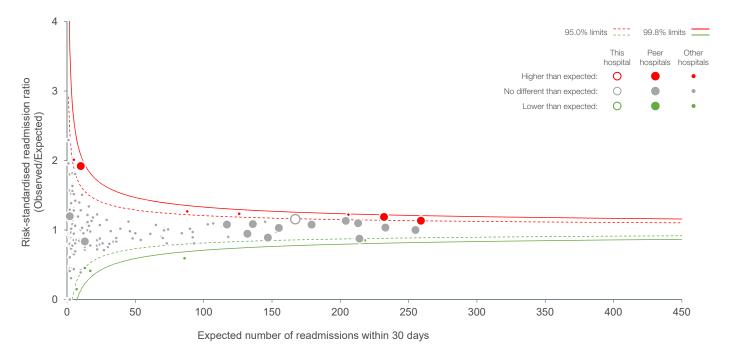
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- Condition related to principal diagnosis
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- Potentially related to hospital care (not time sensitive)
- Other conditions

Distribution of r	reasons for readm	ission							
This hospital	17.4	23.1	8.7	10.8	8.7		31.	3	
NSW	19.5	20.0	7.8	7.5	14.2		31.	.1	
C	0 10	20 30	40 % Re	50 admissions	60	70	80	90	10

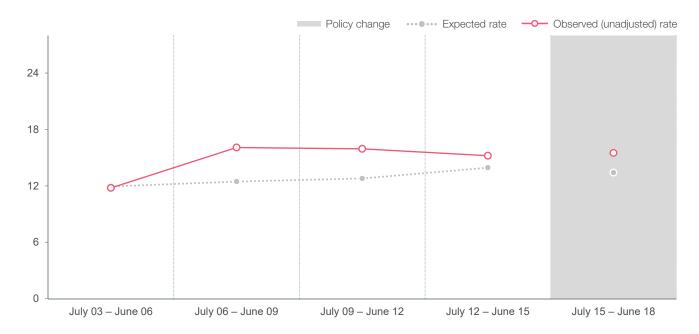


30-day readmission following hospitalisation for pneumonia, July 2015 – June 2018

Pneumonia risk-standardised **readmission ratios** by number of expected readmissions, NSW public hospitals⁹



Pneumonia, this hospital's expected **readmission rates**¹⁰ and observed (unadjusted) readmission rates, July 2003 – June 2018



Reference notes

- 1. Data refer to patients aged 18+ years who were discharged from this hospital to a non-acute care setting, between July 2015 and June 2018, following an acute hospitalisation with pneumonia as principal diagnosis (ICD-10-AM codes J13, J14, J15, J16, J18).
- For calculation of average length of stay, index admissions that were transferred in from, or transferred out to, another acute care hospital were excluded. Unreasonably long episodes are trimmed on the basis of the Diagnosis Related Group (DRG) of the episode. The trim point is the third quartile plus 1.5x the interquartile range of all in-scope episodes in each DRG.
- 3. For episodes coded as 'Discharged by hospital' or 'Discharged on leave', patients are considered as discharged home. All other modes of separation are deemed a discharge destination other than home. Where there is a non-acute care admission within one day of any discharge, it is not considered as discharged home regardless of the mode of separation.
- 4. Age at admission date.
- Comorbidities are identified from the hospital discharge records using the Elixhauser comorbidity set (plus dementia) with a one year look-back from the date of the admission. Only those conditions that were found to have a statistically significant impact on readmission (p<0.05) are shown.
- 6. Age was a statistically significant factor in the final model for pneumonia.
- Readmissions include both returns to acute care from non-acute inpatient settings and readmissions following hospital discharge. Hospitals are classified as urban and regional/rural using the geocoded address of the hospital assigned to Australian Bureau of Statistics statistical areas (SA2) and the Australian remoteness index for areas.
- 8. Reasons for readmission follow the same clinical grouping as used in the previous report *Return to acute care following discharge from hospital, July 2012 June 2015.* Please refer to the previously published *Spotlight on Measurement: Measuring return to acute care following discharge from hospital, 2nd edition,* which outline the specifications used to describe reasons for readmission.
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30-day readmission following hospitalisation for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, July 2015 – June 2018

Patient cohort, index hospitalisations^{1,2,3}

This hospital	NSW
1,356	48,336
5.5	4.8
15	2,330
1,270	43,932
86	4,404
	This hospital 1,356 5.5 15 1,270 86

Age profile for index hospitalisations (years)⁴

			■45–64	65-74	75-84	85+		
This hospital	25.2	34.1		29.7		11.1		
NSW	21.2	31.7		32.0		15.1		
	% index cases							

Patient factors associated with 30-day chronic obstructive pulmonary disease readmission^{5,6}

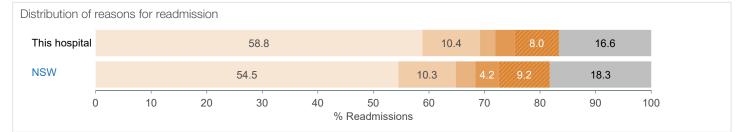
Abuse drug/alcohol/psychoses Peripheral vascular disorder Congestive heart failure	 	 	0.5	 	
Abuse drug/alcohol/psychoses	 	 	0.5		
Depression	 	 	1.2	 	
Diabetes, uncomplicated			1.6		
Hypertension	 	 	1.8	 	
Fluid and electrolyte disorders	 	 	1.8	 	
Previous COPD admission	 ,	 	1.9	 	
Pulmonary circulation disorders	 	 	2.7	 	
Female	 	 	2.7	 	
Weight loss	 	 	3.5	 	
Cardiac arrhythmia	 	 	3.5	 	

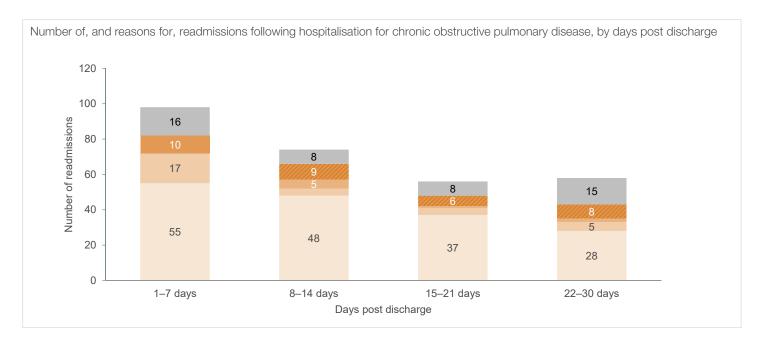
30-day readmission following hospitalisation for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, July 2015 – June 2018

Location of readmissions ⁷	This hospital	NSW
Total readmissions following index hospitalisation for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	286	10,241
Returns to acute care	7	233
Readmitted following hospital discharge	279	10,008
Readmitted to the same hospital where acute care was completed	257	8,472
Readmitted to a different hospital	22	1,536
To an urban public hospital	17	
To a regional or rural public hospital	2	
To a private hospital	3	

Reasons for and time to readmission⁸

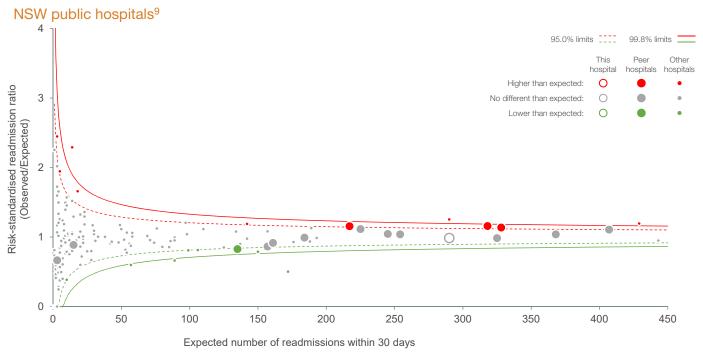
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- Condition related to principal diagnosis
- Potentially related to hospital care (time sensitive, 8–30 days post discharge)
- Potentially related to hospital care (not time sensitive)
- Other conditions



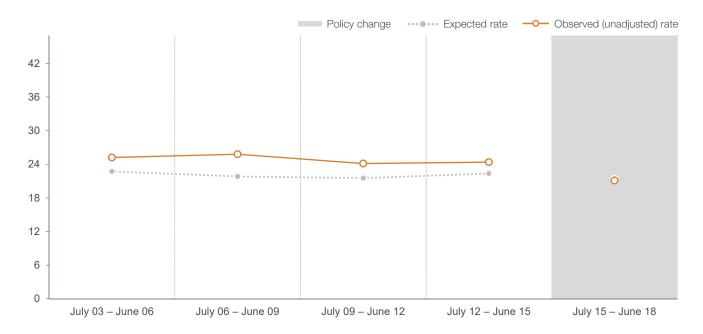


30-day readmission following hospitalisation for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, July 2015 – June 2018

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease risk-standardised **readmission ratios** by number of expected readmissions,



Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, this hospital's expected **readmission rates**¹⁰ and observed (unadjusted) readmission rates, July 2003 – June 2018



Reference notes

- 1. Data refer to patients aged 45+ years who were discharged from this hospital to a non-acute care setting, between July 2015 and June 2018, following an acute hospitalisation with COPD as principal diagnosis (ICD-10-AM code J41, J42, J43, J44, J47, and J20 and J40 if accompanied by J41, J42, J43, J44 and J47 in any secondary diagnoses).
- For calculation of average length of stay, index admissions that were transferred in from, or transferred out to, another acute care hospital were excluded. Unreasonably long episodes are trimmed on the basis of the Diagnosis Related Group (DRG) of the episode. The trim point is the third quartile plus 1.5x the interquartile range of all in-scope episodes in each DRG.
- 3. For episodes coded as 'Discharged by hospital' or 'Discharged on leave', patients are considered as discharged home. All other modes of separation are deemed a discharge destination other than home. Where there is a non-acute care admission within one day of any discharge, it is not considered as discharged home regardless of the mode of separation.
- 4. Age at admission date.
- Comorbidities are identified from the hospital discharge records using the Elixhauser comorbidity set (plus dementia) with a one year look-back from the date of the admission. Only those conditions that were found to have a statistically significant impact on readmission (p<0.05) are shown.
- 6. Age was a statistically significant factor in the final model for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.
- Readmissions include both returns to acute care from non-acute inpatient settings and readmissions following hospital discharge. Hospitals are classified as urban and regional/rural using the geocoded address of the hospital assigned to Australian Bureau of Statistics statistical areas (SA2) and the Australian remoteness index for areas.
- 8. Reasons for readmission follow the same clinical grouping as used in the previous report *Return to acute care following discharge from hospital, July 2012 June 2015.* Please refer to the previously published *Spotlight on Measurement: Measuring return to acute care following discharge from hospital, 2nd edition,* which outline the specifications used to describe reasons for readmission.
- 9. Results for hospitals with expected readmission <1 are not shown. Hospitals are classified according to the NSW Ministry of Health's peer grouping as at January 2018.
- 10. Readmission rates at an average NSW public hospital with the same case-mix.

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30-day readmission following hospitalisation for hip fracture surgery, July 2015 – June 2018

Patient cohort, index hospitalisations^{1,2,3}

This hospital	NSW
641	14,895
9.0	9.7
21	2,030
177	4,404
464	10,491
	This hospital 641 9.0 21 177 464

Age profile for index hospitalisations (years)⁴

						50-64	65-74	75-84	85+	
This hospital	6.9	19.3		34.0						
NSW	6.8	13.9	31.6			47.8				
	% index cases									

Patient factors associated with 30-day hip fracture surgery readmission^{5,6}

Cardiac arrhythmia						1.8				
Diabetes, complicated						1.5				
AIDS/HIV						0.0				
Chronic pulmonary disease					-0.1					
Liver disease					-0.5					
Female					-0.5					
Depression				-	0.7					
Fluid and electrolyte disorders				-1	.2					
Congestive heart failure				-1.8	3					
Other neurological disorders				-2.0						
Dementia				-2.0						
-2	20	-15	-10	-5	0	5		10	15	20
			% differe	nce from NS	N (index	cases with fac	ctor record	ed)		

30-day readmission following hospitalisation for hip fracture surgery, July 2015 – June 2018

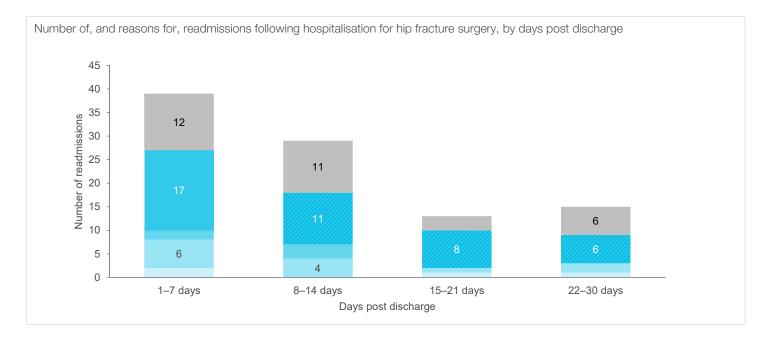
Location of readmissions ⁷	This hospital	NSW
Total readmissions following index hospitalisation for hip fracture surgery	96	1,617
Returns to acute care	67	677
Readmitted following hospital discharge	29	940
Readmitted to the same hospital where acute care was completed	17	696
Readmitted to a different hospital	12	244
To an urban public hospital	8	
To a regional or rural public hospital	1	
To a private hospital	3	

Reasons for and time to readmission⁸

Same principal diagnosis

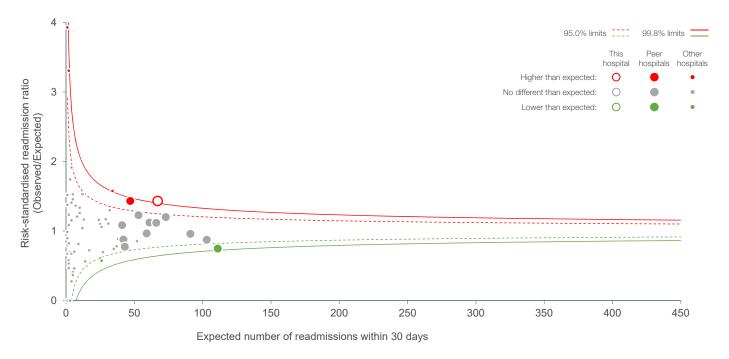
- Potentially related to hospital care (time sensitive, ≤7 days post discharge)
- Orthopaedic complications
- Potentially related to hospital care (time sensitive, 8–30 days post discharge)
- Potentially related to hospital care (not time sensitive)
- Other conditions

Distribution of reasons for readmission This hospital 4.2 13.5 5.2 33.3 NSW 36.3 14.6 6.3 7.0 24.4 0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100 % Readmissions

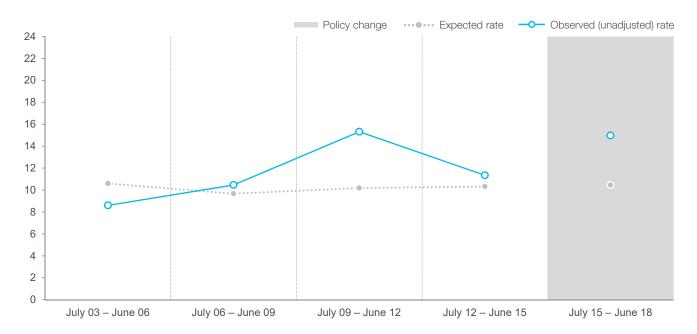


30-day readmission following hospitalisation for hip fracture surgery, July 2015 – June 2018

Hip fracture surgery risk-standardised **readmission ratios** by number of expected readmissions, NSW public hospitals⁹



Hip fracture surgery, this hospital's expected **readmission rates**¹⁰ and observed (unadjusted) readmission rates, July 2003 – June 2018



Reference notes

- 1. Data refer to patients aged 50+ years who were discharged from this hospital to a non-acute care setting, between July 2015 and June 2018, following an acute hospitalisation with hip fracture as principal diagnosis and treated with surgery (ICD-10-AM codes for hip fracture S72.0, S72.1, S72.2 accompanied with a fall codes W00-W19 and R29.6 and treated with a surgical procedure).
- For calculation of average length of stay, index admissions that were transferred in from, or transferred out to, another acute care hospital were excluded. Unreasonably long episodes are trimmed on the basis of the Diagnosis Related Group (DRG) of the episode. The trim point is the third quartile plus 1.5x the interquartile range of all in-scope episodes in each DRG.
- 3. For episodes coded as 'Discharged by hospital' or 'Discharged on leave', patients are considered as discharged home. All other modes of separation are deemed a discharge destination other than home. Where there is a non-acute care admission within one day of any discharge, it is not considered as discharged home regardless of the mode of separation.
- 4. Age at admission date.
- Comorbidities are identified from the hospital discharge records using the Elixhauser comorbidity set (plus dementia) with a one year look-back from the date of the admission. Only those conditions that were found to have a statistically significant impact on readmission (p<0.05) are shown.
- 6. Age was a statistically significant factor in the final model for hip fracture surgery.
- Readmissions include both returns to acute care from non-acute inpatient settings and readmissions following hospital discharge. Hospitals are classified as urban and regional/rural using the geocoded address of the hospital assigned to Australian Bureau of Statistics statistical areas (SA2) and the Australian remoteness index for areas.
- 8. Reasons for readmission follow the same clinical grouping as used in the previous report *Return to acute care following discharge from hospital, July 2012 June 2015.* Please refer to the previously published *Spotlight on Measurement: Measuring return to acute care following discharge from hospital, 2nd edition,* which outline the specifications used to describe reasons for readmission.
- 9. Results for hospitals with expected readmission <1 are not shown. Hospitals are classified according to the NSW Ministry of Health's peer grouping as at January 2018.
- 10. Readmission rates at an average NSW public hospital with the same case-mix.

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60-day readmission following hospitalisation for total hip replacement, July 2015 – June 2018

Patient cohort, index hospitalisations^{1,2,3}

201	
291	8,985
4.1	4.7
230	7,472
61	1,513
	4.1 230 61

Age profile for index hospitalisations (years)⁴

			1 8–44	45-64	65-74	75-84	85+
This hospital	6.2	36.4	30.9	22.3			
NSW		35.2			23		
			% index cases				

Patient factors associated with 60-day total hip replacement readmission^{5,6}

Cardiac arrhythmia							3.5			
Coagulopathy						0.6				
Diabetes, complicated						0.5				
Depression						0.5				
Other neurological disorders						0.4				
Rheumatoid arthritis/collagen						0.0				
Chronic pulmonary disease					-0.3					
Diabetes, uncomplicated					-0.4					
Metastatic cancer					-0.6					
Weight loss					-0.6					
Abuse drug/alcohol/psychoses					-1.0					
-2	20	-15	-10	-5	()	5	10	15	20
			% differe	nce from I	NSW (inde	x cases	with factor r	ecorded)		

60-day readmission following hospitalisation for total hip replacement, July 2015 – June 2018

Location of readmissions ⁷	This hospital	NSW
Total readmissions following index hospitalisation for total hip replacement	33	949
Returns to acute care	4	107
Readmitted following hospital discharge	29	842
Readmitted to the same hospital where acute care was completed	25	499
Readmitted to a different hospital	4	343
To an urban public hospital	0	
To a regional or rural public hospital	1	
To a private hospital	3	

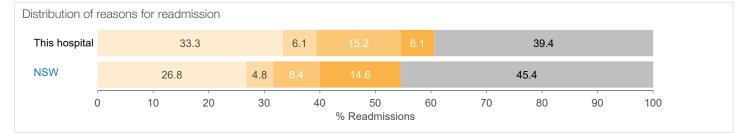
Reasons for and time to readmission⁸

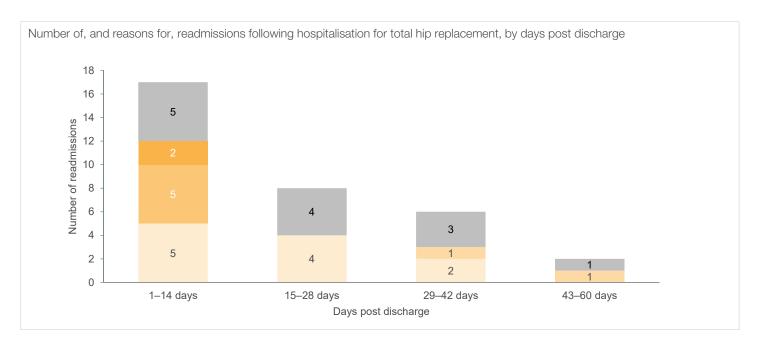
 Orthopaedic complications (within time specified)

- Potentially related to hospital care (outside time specified)
- Orthopaedic complications (outside time specified)

Other conditions

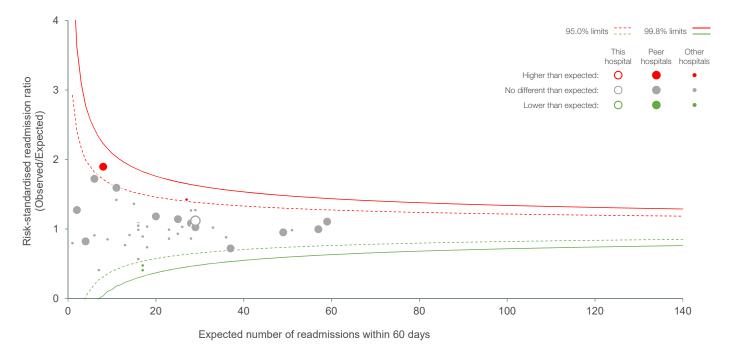
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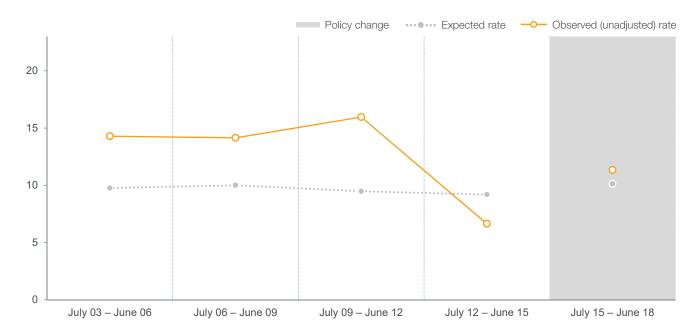


60-day readmission following hospitalisation for total hip replacement, July 2015 – June 2018

Total hip replacement risk-standardised **readmission ratios** by number of expected readmissions, NSW public hospitals⁹



Total hip replacement, this hospital's expected **readmission rates**¹⁰ and observed (unadjusted) readmission rates, July 2003 – June 2018



Reference notes

- 1. Data refer to patients aged 18+ years who were discharged from this hospital to a non-acute care setting, between July 2015 and June 2018, following an acute hospitalisation for an elective total hip replacement (ACHI codes 49318-00, 49319-00).
- For calculation of average length of stay, index admissions that were transferred in from, or transferred out to, another acute care hospital were excluded. Unreasonably long episodes are trimmed on the basis of the Diagnosis Related Group (DRG) of the episode. The trim point is the third quartile plus 1.5x the interquartile range of all in-scope episodes in each DRG.
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- 4. Age at admission date.
- Comorbidities are identified from the hospital discharge records using the Elixhauser comorbidity set (plus dementia) with a one year look-back from the date of the admission. Only those conditions that were found to have a statistically significant impact on readmission (p<0.05) are shown.
- 6. Age was a statistically significant factor in the final model for total hip replacement.
- Readmissions include both returns to acute care from non-acute inpatient settings and readmissions following hospital discharge. Hospitals are classified as urban and regional/rural using the geocoded address of the hospital assigned to Australian Bureau of Statistics statistical areas (SA2) and the Australian remoteness index for areas.
- 8. Reasons for readmission follow the same clinical grouping as used in the previous report *Return to acute care following discharge from hospital, July 2012 June 2015.* Please refer to the previously published *Spotlight on Measurement: Measuring return to acute care following discharge from hospital, 2nd edition,* which outline the specifications used to describe reasons for readmission.
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60-day readmission following hospitalisation for total knee replacement, July 2015 – June 2018

Patient cohort, index hospitalisations^{1,2,3}

	This hospital	NSW
otal index cases for total knee replacement	631	15,940
Average length of stay (days)	4.3	4.9
Discharge destination		
Home	494	13,175
Other	137	2,765

Age profile for index hospitalisations (years)⁴

		■18-44 ■45-6	4 ■65–74 ■75–84 ■85+
This hospital	35.3	40.3	22.5
NSW	30.9	40.1	25.3
		% index cases	

Patient factors associated with 60-day total knee replacement readmission^{5,6}

Female						1.3				
Diabetes, complicated						0.9				
Cardiac arrhythmia						0.9				
Renal failure						0.1				
Blood loss anaemia						0.1				
Coagulopathy						0.1				
Lymphoma					-0.1					
Weight loss					-0.3					
Fluid and electrolyte disorders					-0.7					
Chronic pulmonary disease					-0.7					
Abuse drug/alcohol/psychoses					-0.9					
	-20	-15	-10	-5	()	5	10	15	20
			% differe	nce from N	ISW (inde	x cases	with factor r	ecorded)		

60-day readmission following hospitalisation for total knee replacement, July 2015 – June 2018

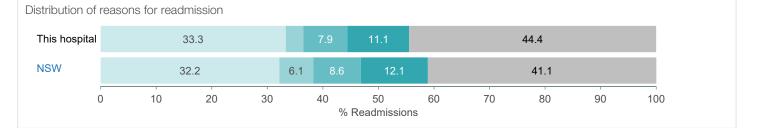
Location of readmissions ⁷	This hospital	NSW
Total readmissions following index hospitalisation for total knee replacement	62	1,892
Returns to acute care	8	152
Readmitted following hospital discharge	54	1,740
Readmitted to the same hospital where acute care was completed	40	1,052
Readmitted to a different hospital	14	688
To an urban public hospital	10	
To a regional or rural public hospital	2	
To a private hospital	2	

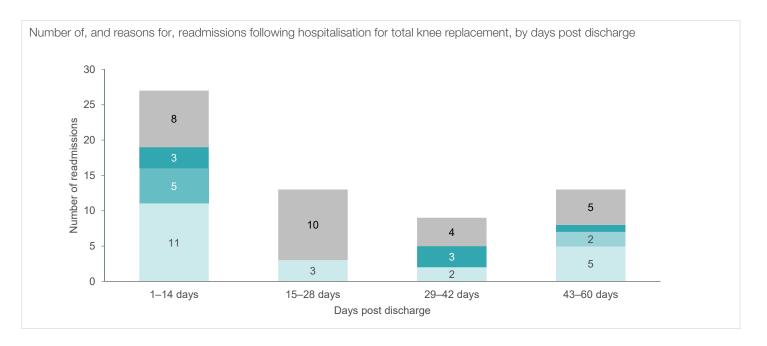
Reasons for and time to readmission⁸

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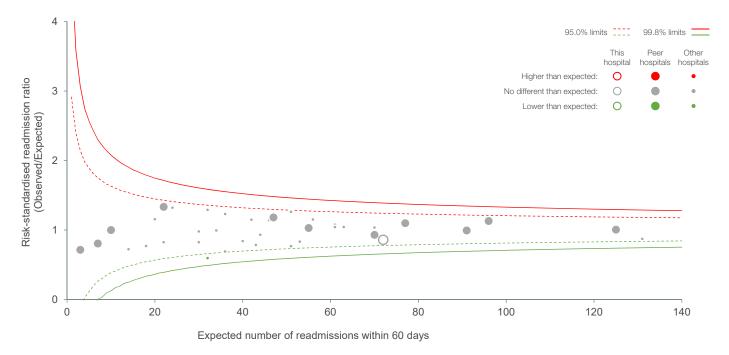
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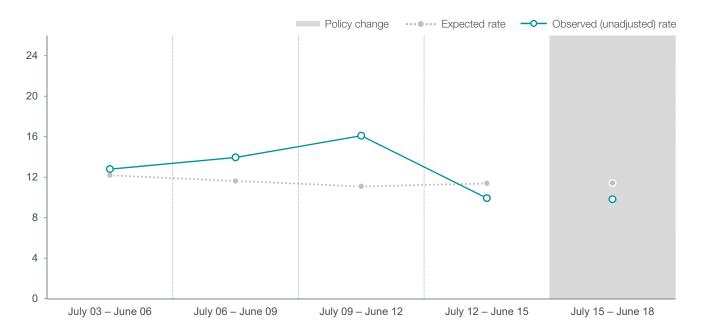


60-day readmission following hospitalisation for total knee replacement, July 2015 – June 2018

Total knee replacement risk-standardised **readmission ratios** by number of expected readmissions, NSW public hospitals⁹



Total knee replacement, this hospital's expected **readmission rates**¹⁰ and observed (unadjusted) readmission rates, July 2003 – June 2018



Reference notes

- 1. Data refer to patients aged 18+ years who were discharged from this hospital to a non-acute care setting, between July 2015 and June 2018, following an acute hospitalisation for an elective total knee replacement (ACHI codes 49518-00, 49519-00, 49521-00, 49521-01, 49521-02, 49521-03, 49524-00, 49524-01).
- For calculation of average length of stay, index admissions that were transferred in from, or transferred out to, another acute care hospital were excluded. Unreasonably long episodes are trimmed on the basis of the Diagnosis Related Group (DRG) of the episode. The trim point is the third quartile plus 1.5x the interquartile range of all in-scope episodes in each DRG.
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- 6. Age was a statistically significant factor in the final model for total knee replacement.
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- 8. Reasons for readmission follow the same clinical grouping as used in the previous report *Return to acute care following discharge from hospital, July 2012 June 2015.* Please refer to the previously published *Spotlight on Measurement: Measuring return to acute care following discharge from hospital, 2nd edition,* which outline the specifications used to describe reasons for readmission.
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