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## DSRIP Learning Collaborative 3 & 4 Cardiac Care #1

Care Transitions Intervention Model to Reduce  
30-Day Readmissions for Chronic Cardiac  
Conditions

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## ■ Objective

- To create and implement an evidence-based Care Transitions Intervention model for cardiac care. This includes the support of a Readmission Reduction Initiative (RRI) Committee and development and use of the Cardiac Care Transitions Team (CCTT) to assist in accessing prevention and follow-up treatment for patients experiencing chronic cardiac illness.





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## ■ Goals and Outcomes

- Increase patient understanding of their disease and medication management through patient self-management
- Increase patient satisfaction through improved discharge planning
- Improve care processes
- Reduce readmissions of congestive heart failure (CHF) and acute myocardial infarction (AMI) patients





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## ■ Project Interventions

### **Comprehensive patient-centered health booklet**

- Symptoms and warnings of heart disease
- Self-management skills
- Medication tracking
- Discussion of family caregiver
- Care across the continuum: follow-up visits
- Questions for multiple health care providers
- Discharge Preparation Checklist

### **Cardiac Transition Care Assessment Checklist**

- Process Evaluation





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## ■ Patient-Centered Booklet (English):



REMEMBER to keep this booklet with you and bring it with you to ALL doctor visits and appointments

### Managing Your Heart Condition



Personal Health Booklet of:



\_\_\_\_\_  
Patient's Name



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## ■ Patient-Centered Booklet (Spanish):



Recuerde que debe mantener este folleto con usted y traerlo a TODAS las citas y consultas médicas.

### Administración De Su Condición Del Corazón



Folleto de Salud Personal de:

Nombre del paciente



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## ■ DSRIP Cardiac Transition Care Assessment Checklist



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Patient Label \_\_\_\_\_

DSRIP Cardiac Transition Care Assessment Checklist

Date of Admission \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Diagnosis  CHF  AMI  
Date of Discharge \_\_\_\_\_ Co-morbidity  CHF  AMI  
Readmission Date \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Physician \_\_\_\_\_  
Readmission Discharge Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Excluded (*Patient meets criteria but did not consent for study*)  
Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

Received "Managing Your Heart Condition" booklet & kit

Understands the booklet and D/C Prep List (Pg. 29)? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

Interdisciplinary team used the booklet to educate patients (Teach Back)

Clinical staff documented in Soarian that the "Managing Your Heart Condition" booklet was used to educate patient.

Does the patient have a primary care physician? (Y/N)  
If no, was the patient referred to NHCAC? (Y/N)  
Was primary care/doctor appointment discussed? (Y/N)

Home Care visit arranged at discharge

Follow up calls were made

2<sup>nd</sup> Day by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 7<sup>th</sup> Day by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 Weeks by: \_\_\_\_\_

Readmitted within 30 days

Case Managers assessment (ACMA tool) by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 DSRIP Readmission Interview Tool by: \_\_\_\_\_



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## ■ Responses to July Survey

- Yes, there is a team in place
- Yes, we have a Quality Improvement Plan, currently getting updated
- Working with home health agency, external partner, on ways to recruit patients and provide home visits
- Hospital leaders are provided with updates on a weekly basis or as deemed necessary
- We were in the planning stage, delayed due to patient Consent Forms





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## ■ Responses to July Survey

- 80% completion for Stage 1 activities
- 0% completion for Stage 2 activities
- No activities were changed
- Manually tracking performance via checklist and progress via a Critical Path Schedule, as far as impact, there is no data to track yet
- Greatest implementation challenge has been educating all nursing staff in a timely manner
- Overcame this challenge by directly training staff on their floors





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## ■ Responses to July Survey

- Our notable success has been to utilize current vendor, StuderGroup, to assist us with additional follow-up calls that we will implement with the study
- Lessons learned: that training physicians is going to be challenging and we would like to learn more about Transitional Care Management Services as an incentive for physicians
- Summary: I met Andrew Thomas in the June 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting and I'm glad he was selected to co-chair our LC.





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## ■ Project's Achievement to date

- We began the Intervention Phase of our project in August and started recruiting patients for the study on August 4<sup>th</sup>
- We are obtaining positive feedback from hospital personnel and so far, every staff member that I have encountered on the floors is aware of the DSRIP project





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## ■ Project's Observations & Challenges

- Challenge in identifying patients, since most come to the hospital with CHF and AMI as a secondary diagnosis
- Recruiting non-compliant patients to the study

