Heart Failure 30-day Readmission Risk Calculator

FACT SHEET

BACKGROUND:
Heart failure patients are at high risk for early rehospitalization. This risk may vary by patients. Clinical risk tools may help to stratify this risk.

RISK CALCULATOR CAN HELP PREDICT HEART FAILURE 30-DAY READMISSION:

The Center for Outcome Research and Evaluation (CORE) released online readmission risk calculator for heart failure. You can view the CORE risk calculator at readmissionscore.org. This tool is also now available as a phone application.

This online readmission risk calculator can help predict a patient’s likelihood of hospital readmission for heart failure within 30 days of discharge. Despite the benefits of the heart failure readmission calculator, there are some limitations worth noting:

01 This tool provides only an estimate of risk for readmission.

02 The tool assumes that the performance of the treating hospital is average in terms they did not seek to limit the number of variables (as the calculator does) or to include information about in-hospital

03 When CORE developed the risk adjustment model, adverse events.

04 The calculator does not provide guidance on how to use the estimates.

Despite these limitations, the risk calculator can provide hospitals some valuable insights regarding chances of the patient being readmitted.

Hospitals should consider what care coordination strategies they should deploy in order to decrease 30-day readmissions. Target: Heart Failure offers a number of tools and resources to hospitals. Find out what’s available at heart.org/targethf

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