30-DAY READMISSION RATES TO U.S. HOSPITALS

Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP) data from 2010 provide the most comprehensive national estimates of 30-day readmission rates for specific procedures and diagnoses. Examples include:

**By Procedure**

- Nearly one in five patients with these common procedures was readmitted:
  - 23% Amputation of lower extremity
  - 19% Heart valve procedures
  - 19% Debridement of a wound, infection, or burn

- Nearly one in three patients with these less frequent procedures was readmitted:
  - 29% Kidney transplant
  - 29% Ileostomy and other enterostomy

**By Diagnosis**

- Nearly one in four patients with these common diagnoses was readmitted:
  - 25% Congestive heart failure
  - 22% Schizophrenia
  - 22% Acute and unspecified renal failure

- Nearly one in three patients with these less frequent diagnoses was readmitted:
  - 32% Sickle cell anemia
  - 32% Gangrene

 Medicaid and Medicare patients have a higher percentage of readmissions than other payers.

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**Source:** HCUP Statistical Briefs #153 and #154: http://www.hcup-us.ahrq.gov/reports/statbriefs/statbriefs.jsp