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

### Readmission Rates by Payer

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

- **Procedure:** Amputation of lower extremity
  - **Medicare** 26%
  - **Medicaid** 22%
  - **Privately Insured** 17%
  - **Uninsured** 13%

- **Diagnosis:** Congestive heart failure
  - **Medicaid** 30%
  - **Medicare** 25%
  - **Privately Insured** 20%
  - **Uninsured** 17%

*Readmissions were for all causes and did not necessarily include the same procedure or diagnosis as the original admission (index stay).*

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