

# **Strengthening Care Transitions**

**For Improved Facility Dashboards and Patient Outcomes**

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# Objectives:

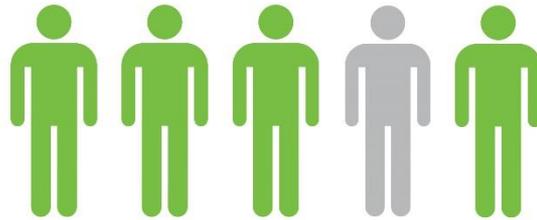
1. Participant will define care transitions and how to include the patient as a partner and driver of the care plan for the transition process
2. Participant will list at least three tools available to improve information flow via electronic and traditional means
3. Participant will describe a transitional care program and its components for successful hand offs
4. Participant will list IDT members and roles needed to implement and execute a successful transition
5. Participant will describe strategies and systems necessary for the IDT members to improve outcomes and facilities benchmarks

# Definition: Transitional Care

- The movement of patients between healthcare practitioners and settings depending on their condition and their care needed during their course of illness [www.caretransitions.org](http://www.caretransitions.org)
- The actions taken by the IDT members are to ensure coordinated and continuum of care. As part of a comprehensive care plan, the health care team will report patient's goals, preferences, and status to next provider. This information is given for proactive planning in the next environment and may include education to patient and family and adaptive equipment, and program recommendations [www.ntocc.org](http://www.ntocc.org)

# Why Care Transition?

- Nearly 1 in 5 Medicare patients discharged from a hospital—approximately 2.6 million seniors is readmitted within 30 days, at a cost of more than \$26 billion every year (CMS, 2016).



- Inadequate care transitions (CT) planning, communication failures, and delays in scheduling post-hospitalization care are among the most common causes of preventable readmissions (Bisognano & Boutwell, 2009).

# Why Care Transitions?

- To help address these issues, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) launched the Partnership for Patients in 2011, with the initial goal of reducing hospital-acquired conditions by 40% and readmissions by 20%
- One way that the Partnership for Patients attempted to decrease readmissions was through the Community-based Care Transitions Program (CCTP)
- Mandated by Section 3026 of the Affordable Care Act, the CCTP provided a framework for community-based organizations (CBOs) to partner with hospitals to address the needs of high-risk Medicare Fee-For-Service (FFS) beneficiaries
- It helps improve overall care and path to healing for patient
- Hospital penalties occurring with readmissions as an outlier
- SNF penalties- Recent reports posted in August 2018 of impending penalties in reimbursement

<https://downloads.cms.gov/files/cmml/cctp-final-eval-rpt.pdf>

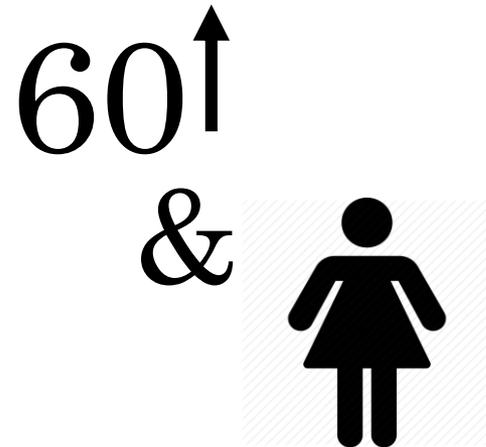
# Risk Factors for Re-admission

- Lack of follow-up appointments or delays scheduling post-hospitalization care (Felix, Seaberg, Bursac, Thostenson, & Stewart, 2015)
- Inability to keep follow-up appointments, lack of awareness of whom to contact after discharge, and communication failure between inpatient and outpatient providers (Auerbach, Kripalani, & Vasilevskis, 2016)
- Lack of collaboration of HealthCare entities and practitioners for carry over with patient

# STUDY: Readmissions

- Study conducted from June 2006 to May 2008 at Medical Center in San Francisco California on general medicine patients with diagnoses of cancer, pneumonia, COPD and cardiac issues.
- They examined all readmissions and excluded deaths and planned readmissions
- They found within that 2 year period 10,359 admissions occurred with 17% being readmitted within 30 days (1,761 patients)

**Of those readmitted: Most were 60 years or older, female (52.8%), LOS was 5.6 days, Medicare patients were 50% of re-admissions, 90% of readmits had a high risk medication and almost 80% came from home (only 9% from SNF)**



# STUDY: Readmissions

- A visit to Emergency Department
  - (85% of readmits were referrals from ED)
- 44.6% were Caucasian
- African American and Medicaid recipient
- 17% of readmits had primary language other than English
- 21% of readmits were discharged on weekend
- 95% of readmits had at least one high risk medication:
  - Narcotic
  - Steroids
  - or cardiovascular med
- Comorbidities: such as CHF, renal disease, cancer, anemia and depression, weight loss, psychiatric disease and hypertension

# To Reduce Risk of Readmission

- Must identify patient population most at risk
- Reduce risk within that population through education, patient engagement, pre-discharge activities, mobility interventions with therapy, collaboration and access to better home and community services and post discharge communication and services
- Education and training to manage medications and warning signs with goal to avoid polypharmacy

TRAINING



# To Reduce Risk of Readmission

- Address access and affordability of medications- involve pharmacist
- Engage patients, caregivers and IDT throughout process
- Analyze outcomes and implement plans to reduce risk for your facility
- Work with local hospitals and hospitalists



# Malnutrition Can Be a Problem

**33% at risk in community and over 80% in facility settings**

Causes may be:

- Social isolation and lack of desire
- Limited transportation and access to healthy foods
- Financial constraints
- Decreased ability to prepare food with both regular and specialty diets

**Have a plan and ensure abilities PRIOR to discharge to another setting. Make sure health team downstream is aware.**

# Be Aware If Resident...

- Expresses concern about going to new setting
- Is uncomfortable with discharge and plans
- Expresses safety concerns

# Be Aware of Signs of Delirium with Transitions

- Usually rapid onset of distraction and inattention
- Disorganized thinking

## **To help reduce risk of delirium:**

- Make environment familiar as able
- Address any sensory deficits that can help increase confusion:  
*i.e. hearing aids, glasses etc.*
- Maintain routines as much as possible
- Keep patient hydrated and nutritionally sound
- Look for signs of pain

# Risk Identification Key for IDT

- It is important to identify risks and put preventative measures in place for a successful transition of care
- Two tools that can help identify risks are:
  - **LACE model** – Length of stay, Acuity of admission, Co-morbidities and Emergency Department use
  - **8 P's Risk Assessment Tool**- Addresses both clinical and psychosocial variables

# LACE Index Scoring Tool for Risk Assessment of Hospital Readmission

## Step 1. Length of Stay

Length of stay (including day of admission and discharge): \_\_\_\_\_ days

Length of Stay (days)	Score (circle as appropriate)
1	1
2	2
3	3
4-6	4
7-13	5
14 or more	7

L

## Step 2. Acuity of Admission

Was the patient admitted to hospital via the emergency department?

If yes, enter "3" in Box A, otherwise enter "0" in Box A

A

## Step 3. Comorbidities

Condition	Score (circle as appropriate)
Previous myocardial infarction	+1
Cerebrovascular disease	+1
Peripheral vascular disease	+1
Diabetes without complications	+1
Congestive heart failure	+2
Diabetes with end organ damage	+2
Chronic pulmonary disease	+2
Any tumor (including lymphoma or leukemia)	+2
Dementia	+3
Connective tissue disease	+3
AIDS	+4
Moderate or severe liver or renal disease	+4
Metastatic solid tumor	+6
<b>TOTAL</b>	

If the **TOTAL** score is between 0 and 3, enter the score into Box C. If the score is 4 or higher, enter 5 into Box C.

C

## Step 4. Emergency Department Visits

How many times has the patient visited an emergency department in the 6 months prior to admission (not including the emergency department visit immediately preceding the current admission)?

Enter this number or 4 (whichever is smaller) in Box E

E

Add numbers in Box L, Box A, Box C, and Box E to generate LACE score and enter number into box below

LACE

LACE score risk of readmission:  $\geq 10$  High Risk

# The 8 P's: *Assessing Your Patient's Risk for Adverse Events After Discharge*

- Problem Medications
- Psychological
- Principal Diagnosis
- Polypharmacy
- Poor Health Literacy
- Patient Support
- Prior Hospitalization
- Palliative Care

<b>Risk Assessment: 8P Screening Tool</b> (Check all that apply.)	<b>Risk Specific Intervention</b>
<b>Problem medications</b> (anticoagulants, insulin, oral hypoglycemic agents, aspirin & clopidogrel dual therapy, digoxin, narcotics) <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Medication specific education using Teach Back provided to patient and caregiver <input type="checkbox"/> Monitoring plan developed and communicated to patient and aftercare providers, where relevant (e.g. warfarin, digoxin and insulin) <input type="checkbox"/> Specific strategies for managing adverse drug events reviewed with patient/caregiver <input type="checkbox"/> Follow-up phone call at 72 hours to assess adherence and complications
<b>Psychological</b> (depression screen positive or h/o depression diagnosis) <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Assessment of need for psychiatric aftercare if not in place <input type="checkbox"/> Communication with aftercare providers, highlighting this issue if new <input type="checkbox"/> Involvement/awareness of support network insured
<b>Principal diagnosis</b> (cancer, stroke, DM, COPD, heart failure) <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Review of national discharge guidelines, where available <input type="checkbox"/> Disease specific education using Teach Back with patient/caregiver <input type="checkbox"/> Action plan reviewed with patient/caregivers regarding what to do and who to contact in the event of worsening or new symptoms <input type="checkbox"/> Discuss goals of care and chronic illness model discussed with patient/caregiver
<b>Polypharmacy</b> (≥5 more routine meds) <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Elimination of unnecessary medications <input type="checkbox"/> Simplification of medication scheduling to improve adherence <input type="checkbox"/> Follow-up phone call at 72 hours to assess adherence and complications
<b>Poor health literacy</b> (inability to do Teach Back) <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Committed caregiver involved in planning/administration of all general and risk specific interventions <input type="checkbox"/> Aftercare plan education using Teach Back provided to patient and caregiver <input type="checkbox"/> Link to community resources for additional patient/caregiver support <input type="checkbox"/> Follow-up phone call at 72 hours to assess adherence and complications
<b>Patient support</b> (absence of caregiver to assist with discharge and home care) <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Follow-up phone call at 72 hours to assess condition, adherence and complications <input type="checkbox"/> Follow-up appointment with aftercare medical provider within 7 days <input type="checkbox"/> Involvement of home care providers of services with clear communications of discharge plan to those providers
<b>Prior hospitalization</b> (non-elective; in last 6 months) <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Review reasons for re-hospitalization in context of prior hospitalization <input type="checkbox"/> Follow-up phone call at 72 hours to assess condition, adherence and complications <input type="checkbox"/> Follow-up appointment with aftercare medical provider within 7 days
<b>Palliative care</b> (Would you be surprised if this patient died in the next year? Does this patient have an advanced or progressive serious illness?) Yes to either: <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Assess need for palliative care services <input type="checkbox"/> Identify goals of care and therapeutic options <input type="checkbox"/> Communicate prognosis with patient/family/caregiver <input type="checkbox"/> Assess and address bothersome symptoms <input type="checkbox"/> Identify services or benefits available to patients based on advanced disease status <input type="checkbox"/> Discuss with patient/family/caregiver role of palliative care services and benefits and services available

# FRAIL Test

<b>F</b>	<b>Fatigue</b>	Do you tire easily?
<b>R</b>	<b>Resistance</b>	Can you climb 1 flight of stairs?
<b>A</b>	<b>Ambulation</b>	Can you walk 1 block?
<b>I</b>	<b>Illness</b>	Do you have more than 5 chronic illnesses?
<b>L</b>	<b>Loss of Weight</b>	Have you lost more than 5% body weight?

**If patients answer yes to 3 or more questions:  
Increased risk for falls and fractures, disability,  
complications and death. More risk of re-admission.**

# Root Causes of Ineffective Transitions of Care

*Breakdowns with:*

Communication	Education	Accountability
Different expectations patient to caregiver	Not completed	No leader to drive program and implement plans
Not timely	Received contradictory information	No risk assessment that leads to poor planning
Culture doesn't promote teamwork	Confusion with regimes	Lack of knowledge or resources to be effective
Not enough time to do what is needed	Not good patient buy in	
Lack of standardized procedures	Lack of understanding with diagnosis, care plan or medication routines	

# Turn Breakdowns Around

# Keys for Success



- Early risk identification through tests
- Individualized plan of care
- Early involvement and training by IDT members to patients and caregivers
- Early home assessment with caregiver training and return demonstration
- Plan A, B or C established in care plan within 24-48 hours
- Designated care manager

# 7 Interventions Necessary for Smooth Transition

- According to the National Transition of Care Coalition there are **3 patient and caregiver** interventions and **4 provider** interventions necessary for a smooth transition



# Patient and Caregiver Interventions

- Medication management
- Transition care planning
- Patient and caregiver engagement and education



# Provider Interventions

- Information transfer
- Follow up care
- Healthcare provider engagement
- Shared accountability across organizations  
(upstream and downstream)



# Medication Management

PLANNING



- Assess patient's intake and education/plan
  - Compare current plan of meds to plan when admitted
  - Is the plan realistic and simple?
  - Do you foresee any risks with plan when at home?
  - Is there a need for new education with new med or new caregiver?
  - Are the roles clear for playmakers during transition and at new setting?
  - Is there a plan for follow up post discharge?
  - Is there a written follow up plan and is it clear to patient and caregivers?
  - Has the patient or caregiver(s) explained/demonstrated how they will manage the medications?

# Components of a Transitional Care Program

- Patient and caregiver engagement/education Day 1
- Individualized POC
- Point person for transition
- IDT involvement
- Hospital visit pre-discharge
- Home/setting visits post-discharge/ Home Health or Outpatient Therapy
- Physician involvement and visits/pre-arrange appointments
- Phone support/Telehealth

# Components of Program

- Early completion of home/discharge setting assessment is an important component for further needs and education necessary for a successful transition
- Witnessing return demonstration and documenting results are vital
- Skipping this step can lead to adverse outcomes

# Components of a Transitional Care Programs

- Medication management
- Access to community resources/  
transportation/meals/housekeeping
- Contact numbers for support
- Health promotion and disease/risk prevention
- Health monitoring devices
- Engagement in community
- Counseling in benefits and insurance

# Interdisciplinary Team & Roles

- **Admission Nurse/Case Manager**
  - Liaison for hospital
  - Coordinates stay in SNF and hand off from hospital or other setting
- **Nursing/MDS**
  - Coordinates care during stay in SNF/documents services
  - MDS reflects services rendered
- **Therapy**
  - Provides individualized plan of care
  - Coordinates/educates with IDT and downstream caregivers/family
- **Social Worker**
  - Liaison for resident while in SNF
  - Coordinates home-going discharge plans including appointments, services and equipment
  - Collaborates with IDT members

# Interdisciplinary Team & Roles

- **Physician**

- Oversees medical and clinical services while prescribing treatment and medicines as necessary
- Works with patients and families for best path to recovery and independence

- **Pharmacist**

- Coordinates with nursing and physician for medication management and smooth transition to downstream setting
- Must provide follow-up services/calls to keep patient safe and as independent as possible

- **DME Rep**

- Coordinates with facility for proper equipment and timely placement

# Best Practice for Care Transitions

- **Must have comprehensive discharge planning**
  - Including addressing patient's financial and psychosocial issues that may put patient at risk for receiving care or community services needed
  - Follow-up calls from appropriate healthcare professionals to address medications, new symptoms, questions, and provide further education or guidance for success in their new environment
  - Must have full information prior to patient being admitted to facility and SNF team must send information prior to patient going to next downstream environment
  - Involve downstream caregivers or family members in care Day 1 and have them part of therapy sessions and meetings ongoing

# Best Practice for Care Transitions

- **Timely, complete and accurate communication of information**
  - Preferably written or through interface of software
  - Include diagnoses, tests, procedures, medication list, advanced directives, caregiver instructions, contact information for vital healthcare professionals and any appointments or follow up care scheduled or needed
  - Make sure clinical staff is highly skilled in clientele from hospital and can treat them effectively
  - Make sure staffing is able to handle workload and diagnoses
  - Everyone know their role and hold each other accountable for success

# Best Practice for Care Transitions

- **Medication Management/Reconciliation**
  - Check accuracy of medication list and dosages
  - Look for contraindications
  - Assess financial barriers to filling prescriptions
  - Send final instructions and medications to downstream caregivers
  - Involve physician or pharmacist as needed
  - Educate frontline staff on vital sign changes and adverse effects and how to recognize them



# Best Practice for Care Transitions

- Teach and ask for return demonstration of concepts and routine by both patient and caregivers
- Give written instructions to patient and caregivers
- Teach patients and caregivers warning signs
- Teach them what to do if an issue arises- also give them the option of calling SNF or coming back to SNF if needed to avoid a hospital/Emergency Room admission if appropriate
- Timely responses to hospital, SNF IDT and downstream caregivers, as well as, patients so communication is open and keeps process moving

# Best Practice for Care Transitions

- Be mindful of when and time discharging patients to another setting-avoid weekends and late or early times during the day
- You want to make sure services needed by patient are available to evaluate and provide services or make sure equipment is present for their discharge to decrease risk of problems for patient
- Program should involve follow up visits and/or calls within 24 hrs, 7 days, 14 days, 30 days, 45 days and 60 days by facility designee and document it being done and the results
- Finally it is important to track outcomes, patient/caregiver satisfaction, and effectiveness of program so improvements, if needed, can be addressed timely

# Best Practice for Care Transitions

- **Tele-monitoring/Telehealth**- newer concept, not reimbursable everywhere yet and is mainly limited to physicians –but could be avenue in future for all
- It can allow long distance monitoring of the patient's blood pressure and glucose levels to prevent further issues

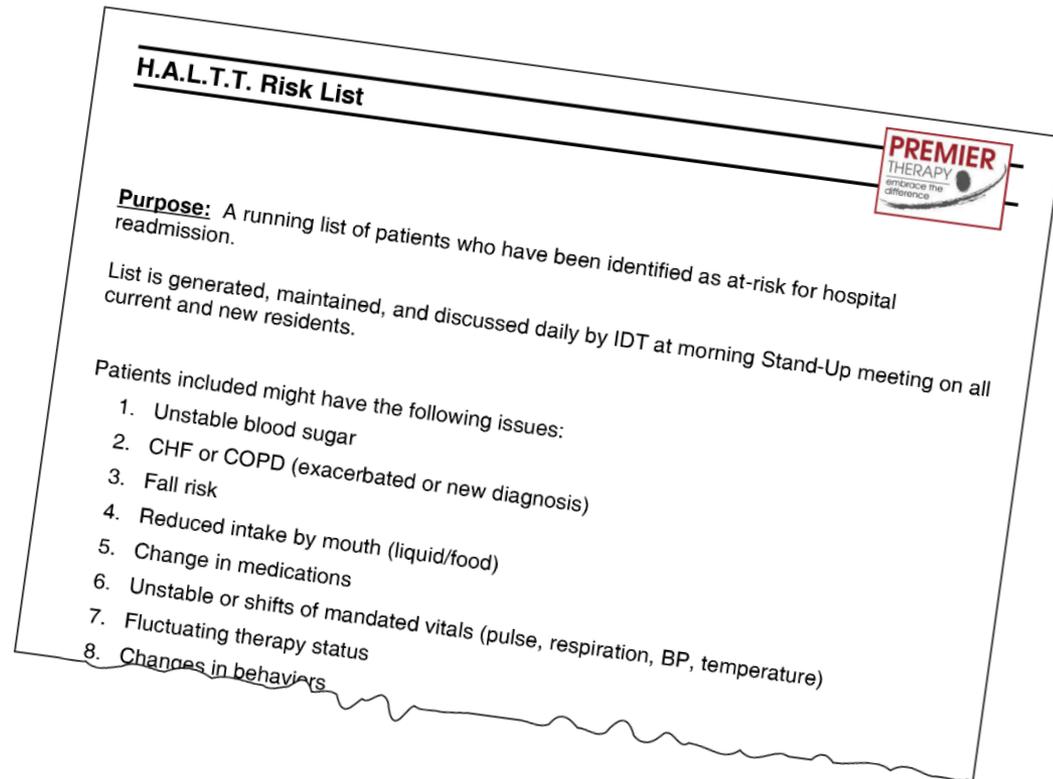
# Quality Program

Must be able to deliver quality services with great outcomes at a reduced cost that effectively meets the patients' needs so minimal issues arise and readmissions to the hospital are rare

**What does your program  
look like?**

# Quality of Care- Early Risk Identification

- Decrease hospital re-admission rates
  - H.A.L.T.T. Program



# Quality of Care: *Therapy Active IDT Member*

- **Proactive Rehab Department**
  - Eval and treat Day 1
  - Develop individualized plan of care
  - Provide up-to-date functional documentation
  - 7 days/week therapy
  - Involve nursing in therapy goals Day 1 to increase carryover

# Communication

**This is key!**

- Hospital wants to align themselves with the best providers in their market
- How can you be the best?
  1. **Preadmission planning**
    - Utilize a tool to collect PLOF information from resident and/or family
    - Plan for individualized equipment needs
    - Collect acute care information/  
history from hospital  
Case Manager or  
Hospital liaison

**RESIDENT SNAPSHOT**  
Prior Level of Function Assessment/Health Profile

Resident Name \_\_\_\_\_

Prior to this recent health decline...

Did you help the patient with eating?  
If so, how? \_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No

Did the patient have difficulty swallowing?  
How would you describe the patient's appetite? \_\_\_\_\_

Did the patient have a special diet prescribed by physician?  Yes  No

Did you help the patient with dressing?  
If so, how? \_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No

Did the patient have any circulation or skin related problems?  
Did you help the patient with walking/getting up? \_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No

Any history of falls? How often and under what circumstance?  
Did you help the patient with bathing/bathroom use? \_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No

Was the patient continent of bowel and bladder?  
Did the patient have behavior/psychological/elopement issues? \_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No

Was the patient able to make good decisions?  
Did the patient have behavior/psychological/elopement issues? \_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No

# Communication

**This is key!**

## 2. Morning Huddle

- Whiteboard
- Active tracking and planning
- Daily review of status goals and d/c planning
- Involve all of IDT as necessary
- Everyone must bring something to table

## 3. Family Communication

- Schedule family meeting within 24 hours
- Discuss realistic d/c plans
- Develop a d/c Plan A and Plan B
- Encourage family participation in therapy
- Develop trust

# Communication

**This is key!**

## 4. Nursing Communication

- Educate on resident status and goals for increased carryover
- Provide therapy on units and involve nursing staff

## 5. QUEST Program

- Sample of Therapy program that streamlines data and provides a detailed flowsheet of what needs to happen next

# Process Flow for Premier Therapy QUEST Program

## *Resident Snapshot*

- Identify Risk Areas
- Capture D/C plans on admission



### RESIDENT SNAPSHOT

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# Process Flow for QUEST Program *(continued)*

- Care Plan Meeting within 24 hours (or by facility policy)
- Utilize *Interview to Action List*
- Clarify Discharge Plans
- Implement IDT Assignments, Comprehensive Assessments, and *Pause: What is the Root Cause?*



**Care Plan Interview to Action List**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient Name/Prefer to be called: \_\_\_\_\_

Caregiver: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Activities of Daily Living: bathing/dressing/personal hygiene**

What activities of daily living does your family member complete on his/her own?

<input type="checkbox"/> Bathing	Does your family member prefer:	<input type="checkbox"/> Showers
<input type="checkbox"/> Dressing		<input type="checkbox"/> Baths
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Hygiene		
<input type="checkbox"/> Self-feeding		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		

If those activities require some assistance, what ways have you found that help accomplish those tasks with ease?

**Pause: What is the Root Cause? Decision Tool**

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Root Cause/Problem: \_\_\_\_\_

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**What factors were involved?**

Environmental	Medical	Cognitive	Behavioral	Physical	Procedural	Training/Communication	Staffing/Supervision
<b>Issues with</b>	<b>Issues with</b>	<b>Issues with</b>	<b>Issues with</b>	<b>Issues with</b>	<b>Issues with</b>	<b>Issues with</b>	<b>Issues with</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> bed position/safety	<input type="checkbox"/> acute illness	<input type="checkbox"/> unable to follow commands	<input type="checkbox"/> combative	<input type="checkbox"/> pain	<input type="checkbox"/> transfer status	<input type="checkbox"/> pt. status	<input type="checkbox"/> schedule
<input type="checkbox"/> w/c position/safety	<input type="checkbox"/> medication change/refusal	<input type="checkbox"/> expressive aphasia	<input type="checkbox"/> refusals	<input type="checkbox"/> gait	<input type="checkbox"/> ambulation status	<input type="checkbox"/> support needed	<input type="checkbox"/> rest periods
<input type="checkbox"/> layout of room	<input type="checkbox"/> unstable vitals	<input type="checkbox"/> receptive aphasia	<input type="checkbox"/> yelling	<input type="checkbox"/> balance	<input type="checkbox"/> orientation	<input type="checkbox"/> equipment needs	<input type="checkbox"/> enough support staff
<input type="checkbox"/> clutter	<input type="checkbox"/> new onset dx	<input type="checkbox"/> poor safety judgment	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> strength	<input type="checkbox"/> assignments	<input type="checkbox"/> lift usage (mechanical)	
<input type="checkbox"/> lighting	<input type="checkbox"/> new injury	<input type="checkbox"/> impulsiveness		<input type="checkbox"/> transfers	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> equipment failure/				<input type="checkbox"/> ADL's			

# Process Flow for QUEST Program *(continued)*

- Review Plan in Morning meeting
- Initiate ***IDT Discharge Planning Checklist***
- Review goals and discharge needs
- Caregiver Education & Training
- Invite D/C practitioners into facility and work with them directly



<b>IDT Discharge Planning Checklist</b>		
Patient Name: _____		
Anticipated Discharge Setting/Date: _____		
Assist with Care Available: _____		
<b>Patient will be handling own medication regimen.</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, patient has demonstrated ability to do so with competence.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Date of Home Assessment:</b> _____ (schedule at least one week before anticipated discharge)		
<b>What medical equipment/services will be required at discharge?</b>		Ordered? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
_____		
_____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Patient/caregiver has been trained to use medical equipment appropriately		

# Process Flow for QUEST Program *(continued)*

- Prior to Discharge:
  - Written instructions for recommendation on equipment/services needed
  - All aspects of care trained and understood by caregivers
  - Complete ***D/C Planning Checklist***



<b>IDT Discharge Planning Checklist</b>		
Patient Name: _____		
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Assist with Care Available: _____		
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# Process Flow for QUEST Program *(continued)*

- Prior to Discharge:
  - Written contact information given to patient & caregivers via ***Post D/C Follow Up***
  - Date confirmed with patient and caregivers for follow up call



<b>Post Discharge Follow Up</b>		
Facility Name:	_____	
Follow up call date:	_____	Time: _____
Facility Phone:	_____	
Facility Contact:	_____	
Facility Contact:	_____	
Facility Contact:	_____	
Therapy Contact:	_____	_____

# Process Flow for QUEST Program *(continued)*

- Utilize *Post Discharge Script* for follow up call
- Complete on designated days
- Check compliance and status
- Give guidance as needed

## Script for Follow-Up Calls to Discharged Residents/Caregivers



24 hrs: \_\_\_\_\_ 7 days: \_\_\_\_\_ 14 days: \_\_\_\_\_ 30 days: \_\_\_\_\_ 45 days: \_\_\_\_\_ 60 days: \_\_\_\_\_

- Hello and reacquaint with resident.
- How are things going with \_\_\_\_\_
- Mobility?
  - walking
  - sit to stand from chair
  - in and out of bed or car
  - stairs
- Appetite?
  - problems with swallowing

**Questions?**

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# Resources and References

## *Care Transition Model Resources*

- Transitional Care Model
- Bridge Program
- BOOST- Better Outcomes for Older adults through Safe Transitions
- GRACE- Geriatric Resources from Assessment and Care of Elders
- Guided Care
- Care Transitions Intervention (CTI)

# Resources and References

## **Care Transition Intervention (CTI)**

- Created by Eric A. Coleman, MD, MPH
- Division of Health Care Policy and Research at the University of Colorado Denver, School of Medicine
- [www.caretransitions.org](http://www.caretransitions.org)

## **Transitional Care Model (TCM)**

- Created by Mary D. Naylor, PhD, RN, FAAN
- University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing
- [www.transitionalcare.info/](http://www.transitionalcare.info/)

## **Bridge Program**

- Illinois Transitional Care Consortium
- <http://hmprg.org/programs-projects/Illinois-transitional-care-consortium/>

## **BOOST Program**

- Society of Hospital Medicine
- <http://www.hospitalmedicine.org/ResourceRoomRedesign/RRCareTransitions/CTHome.cfm>

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## **GRACE Program**

- Dr. Steven R. Counsel, MD
- Indiana University Center for Aging Research, Indianapolis, Indiana
- <http://medicine.iupui.edu/IUCAR/research/grace.asp>

## **Guided Care**

- Dr. Chad Boulton, MD, MPH, MBA
- Johns Hopkins University
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