

Nebraska Heart Hospital Ranks Highly in Readmission Rate Study

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Nebraska Heart Hospital's readmission rates following percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) are better than the CathPCI Registry rate, according to data released on Medicare's Hospital Compare website. NHH is one of more than 300 hospitals that chose to participate in this voluntary hospital public reporting pilot program, the result of a partnership with the American College of Cardiology (ACC), Yale New Haven Health Services Corporation/Center for Outcomes Research and Evaluation and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Nebraska Heart Hospital's unplanned readmission rate of 9.1 percent for PCI patients is less than the 11.9 percent rate for other hospitals included in the study.

"We feel that voluntarily reporting our readmissions data is essential in informing patients of the quality they will experience here at Nebraska Heart," said Dr. Steve Martin, interventional cardiologist at Nebraska Heart Institute. "Over the years, Nebraska Heart has had superior outcomes and our ability to keep patients out of the hospital once they've had a procedure here is something we are very proud of. We will continue to strive for optimal results and offer our patients the best care in the region."

PCI, also known as stenting or coronary angioplasty, is one of the most common cardiac procedures in the United States, with over 600,000 performed each year. The procedure is used to open narrowed or blocked arteries supplying blood to the heart. In appropriate patients, PCI can improve quality of life and survival rates. However, one in seven patients who undergoes the procedure is readmitted to the hospital within 30 days. Unplanned readmissions may reflect the quality of care that hospitals provide to patients during their hospital stay.

The PCI readmission measure assesses whether a hospital's PCI readmission rates are better, worse, or as expected when compared to the overall National Cardiovascular Data Registry (NCDR) CathPCI Registry rate. Measure results are now available on Medicare's Hospital Compare website in an easy-to-read, searchable format. A quarter of hospitals participating in the NCDR

CathPCI Registry chose to publicly report their PCI readmission results.

The measure was developed using Medicare administrative claims and clinical data from the NCDR CathPCI Registry. Measure results were based on unplanned readmissions occurring within 30 days of discharge after a PCI procedure.

"This measure is extremely valuable for patients in that they are, for the first time, getting easy access to information on how their local hospital is performing in terms of readmissions after these procedures," said ACC President John G. Harold, MD, MACC. "Nebraska Heart Hospital should be commended for its commitment to submitting and evaluating its own data to make sure all patients receive the best possible care and for agreeing to publicly report this information."

Nebraska Heart Institute is one of the nation's leading heart hospitals, being ranked among the top 10% in the nation for cardiac surgery. NHI employs 20 cardiologists, 5 surgeons, 3 anesthesiologists, and more than 500 support staff. NHI specializes in [heart surgery](#) and patient [heart health](#).

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