



Readmission Reduction Initiative

Recommended Tenets

1. See patient in clinic within 10 days post-discharge.
2. For patients being discharged to rehab - APP/MD calls *provider* at receiving facility to debrief about patient, establish rapport, and give provider the cardiac surgery team's 24/7 phone number.
3. Cardiac surgery team notified by ER before readmitting or placing a cardiac surgery patient in Observation.

The above recommendations are in addition to other important and more common practices to minimize readmissions e.g. cardiac surgery nurses/APP provide patient education and participate in discharge planning, provision of comprehensive written discharge instructions, etc.
