

Appendix 6: Outcome Indicators

Selected outcomes that were considered to be important indicators of the quality of heart failure care follow. These outcomes were considered to be potentially modifiable by improvements in the structure and process of care. The panel members considered the demographic and potential comorbidities of the population-based heart failure patients in selecting outcome indicators.

Emergency department visits specifically for an episode of heart failure is a test outcome indicator because of the unknown degree of accuracy of measurement of this variable from administrative databases.

IN-HOSPITAL MORTALITY	
ELIGIBLE	1) All hospitalized CHF patients
EXCLUSION	1) Administrative data not available
STATISTIC	Rate of death in hospital

30-DAY MORTALITY	
ELIGIBLE	1) All hospitalized CHF patients
EXCLUSION	1) Administrative data not available
STATISTIC	Rate of death at 30 days from admission

1-YEAR MORTALITY	
ELIGIBLE	1) All hospitalized CHF patients
EXCLUSION	1) Administrative data not available
STATISTIC	Rate of death at 1 year from admission

ALL-CAUSE READMISSION RATE WITHIN 30 DAYS OF DISCHARGE	
ELIGIBLE	1) All hospitalized CHF patients discharged alive
EXCLUSION	1) Administrative data not available
STATISTIC	Rate of all-cause readmission at 30 days from discharge

CHF READMISSION RATE WITHIN 30 DAYS OF DISCHARGE	
ELIGIBLE	1) All hospitalized CHF patients discharged alive
EXCLUSION	1) Administrative data not available
STATISTIC	Rate of CHF readmission at 30 days from discharge

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CHF READMISSION RATE WITHIN 1 YEAR OF DISCHARGE	
ELIGIBLE	1) All hospitalized CHF patients discharged alive
EXCLUSION	1) Administrative data not available
STATISTIC	Rate of CHF readmission at 1 year from discharge

ED VISITS FOR CHF WITHIN 30 DAYS OF DISCHARGE (TEST**)	
ELIGIBLE	1) All hospitalized CHF patients discharged alive
EXCLUSION	1) Administrative data not available
STATISTIC	Rate of CHF ED visit at 30 days from discharge

ED VISITS FOR CHF WITHIN 1 YEAR OF DISCHARGE (TEST**)	
ELIGIBLE	1) All hospitalized CHF patients discharged alive
EXCLUSION	1) Administrative data not available
STATISTIC	Rate of CHF ED visit at 1 year from discharge

**Test outcome indicator: outcome indicator for which it is uncertain whether it can be feasibly, accurately, and reliably assessed or uncertain whether it is amenable to quality improvement efforts.

ANY CARDIOVASCULAR ED VISIT WITHIN 30 DAYS OF DISCHARGE	
ELIGIBLE	1) All hospitalized CHF patients discharged alive
EXCLUSION	1) Administrative data not available
STATISTIC	Rate of cardiovascular ED visit at 30 days from discharge

ANY CARDIOVASCULAR ED VISIT WITHIN 1 YEAR OF DISCHARGE	
ELIGIBLE	1) All hospitalized CHF patients discharged alive
EXCLUSION	1) Administrative data not available
STATISTIC	Rate of cardiovascular ED visits at 1 year from discharge