A quick overview of the latest guidance and evidence on current issues such as smoking, sexual health, health inequalities, mental health, obesity, substance abuse, women's health – in fact anything that you ask for!

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NHS Digital
Emergency readmissions within 30 days of discharge from hospital

Royal College of Physicians
COPD report highlights concerning levels of hospital readmissions for patients in England (Feb. 2017)

Royal Voluntary Service
Lack of support after hospital doubles readmissions for older people

British Thoracic Society
Launch of 5 simple steps NHS hospitals can take to reduce future asthma deaths and readmissions

Picker Institute Europe
NEW smart phone app launch could prevent emergency hospital readmissions (Sept. 2016)

The King’s Fund
Premature discharge: is going home early really a Christmas gift?
**Nuffield Trust**

Readmission rates: what can we learn from the Netherlands?

**Health Foundation**

Reducing readmissions by improving care on discharge

**Institute for Healthcare Improvement**

Reduce Avoidable Readmissions (resource collection)

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a different hospital.

Cost-effectiveness of a home based intervention for secondary prevention of readmission with chronic heart disease.

Effectiveness of an intermediate care hospital on readmissions, mortality, activities of daily living and use of health care services among hospitalized adults aged 60 years and older: a controlled observational study.

Supporting discharge using a volunteer scheme.
Rivers, Sally Nursing Times 2015; 111 (23): 22 (3 June 2015)

The quality of hospital work environments and missed nursing care is linked to heart failure readmissions: a cross-sectional study of US hospitals.

A roadmap for comparing readmission policies with application to Denmark, England, Germany and the United States.

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Systematic reviews

Effectiveness of interventions utilising telephone follow up in reducing hospital readmission within 30 days for individuals with chronic disease: a systematic review.

Utility of models to predict 28-day or 30-day unplanned hospital readmissions: an updated systematic review.

Patient outcomes following discharge from secure psychiatric hospitals: systematic review and meta-analysis.

Blogs and other news

Readmission Rates After Passage of the Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program: A Pre–Post Analysis (Annals of Internal Medicine, March 2017)

Social support for elderly post-hospital drives down readmission, pilot shows (Public Sector Executive, Sept. 2016)

Readmissions, Observation, and the Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program (New England Journal of Medicine, April 2016)

Nurse staffing levels key to cutting readmissions after surgery (Nursing Times, March 2016)

Risk score predicts avoidable 30-day readmissions (Nursing Times, March 2016)

Person-centred pharmaceutical care reduces emergency readmissions (European Journal of Hospital Pharmacy, Feb. 2016)

Readmissions at Royal Oldham Hospital AMU (Manchester Medical Journal, Jan. 2016)


A comparison of models for predicting early hospital readmissions (Journal of Biomedical Informatics, Aug. 2015)

Unsafe hospital discharges lead to fast readmission (National Health Executive, July 2015 – the results from a Healthwatch study on hospital discharge are available here)

Hospital readmissions in frail older people (Reviews in Clinical Gerontology, April 2015)

Preventing 30-Day Hospital Readmissions: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis of Randomized Trials (JAMA Internal Medicine, July 2014)
