

# Massachusetts Acute Care Hospital Readmissions Profile: July, 2014 to June, 2015

## Brigham and Women's Hospital

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In December, 2016 the Center for Health Information and Analysis (CHIA) released [Hospital-Wide Adult All-Payer Readmissions in Massachusetts: 2011-2015](#), its second annual report on hospital-wide all cause readmissions in the Commonwealth. That report applied the Hospital-Wide All-Cause Unplanned 30-day Readmission Measure developed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Yale Center for Outcomes Research to the adult all-payer population in the Commonwealth. It included detailed readmission statistics for the state as a whole and hospital-specific readmission rates for 61 acute care hospitals. This readmission profile series provides more in-depth information on each hospital.

This profile contains readmission statistics for Brigham and Women's Hospital presented in the context of the statewide figures and of the patient population that Brigham and Women's Hospital serves. CHIA hopes that these reports will be useful to hospitals and to other stakeholders working to reduce readmissions in the Commonwealth. The profile is based on data submitted by Massachusetts acute care hospitals to CHIA's Hospital Discharge Database (see [www.chiamass.gov/case-mix-data/](http://www.chiamass.gov/case-mix-data/)). Most of the statistics presented in this profile are available for all Massachusetts acute care hospitals in an Excel workbook from <http://www.chiamass.gov/hospital-wide-adult-all-payer-readmissions-in-massachusetts/>.

It is important to note a few features of the Yale/CMS readmissions methodology as modified by CHIA for Massachusetts reporting.

- The calculations reflect the all-payer population. CMS reports on Medicare Fee-for-Service patients only.
- Readmissions from Brigham and Women's Hospital back to Brigham and Women's Hospital as well as those back to other acute care hospitals in the Commonwealth are included.
- The calculations exclude primary psychiatric and obstetric discharges.
- The calculations include adults (age 18+) only.
- This profile primarily covers the state fiscal year FY15, from July, 2014 to June, 2015. Some data displays include additional years.
- Breakouts with fewer than 11 data points (e.g. discharges, readmissions, or patients) are suppressed to protect patient privacy.

With the exception of the table on this page and the first figure on the next, the readmission rates reported here are not risk-adjusted. The patterns and trends reported in this profile reflect this hospital's patient case-mix, practice patterns, and any licensure for providing specialized inpatient services. All analyses were based on discharge data as submitted to CHIA by Massachusetts acute care hospitals. Further detail is available in the Technical Appendix for CHIA's recent [third annual statewide readmissions report](#).

This report contains the following information profiling readmissions at Brigham and Women's Hospital. Except where indicated below, all displays cover the period from July 2014 to June 2015.

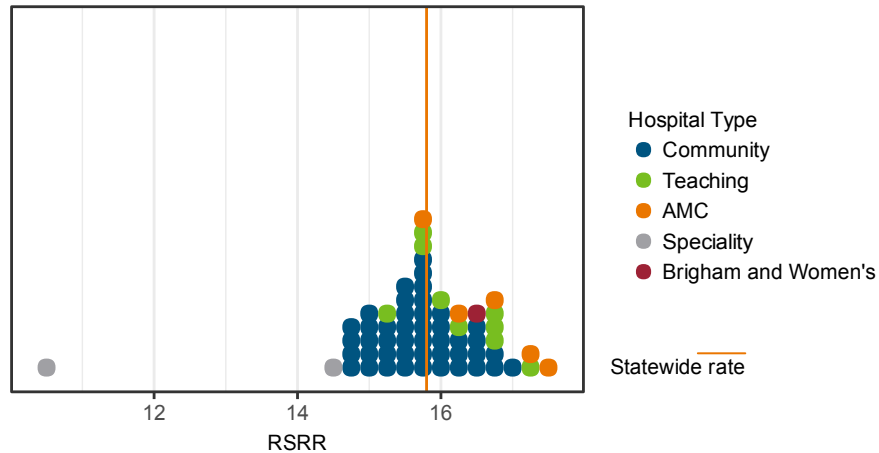
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## Overview Readmissions Statistics, July 2014 - June 2015

This table contains the overall readmission statistics for Brigham and Women's Hospital for state fiscal year 2015. The statewide figures are provided for comparison.

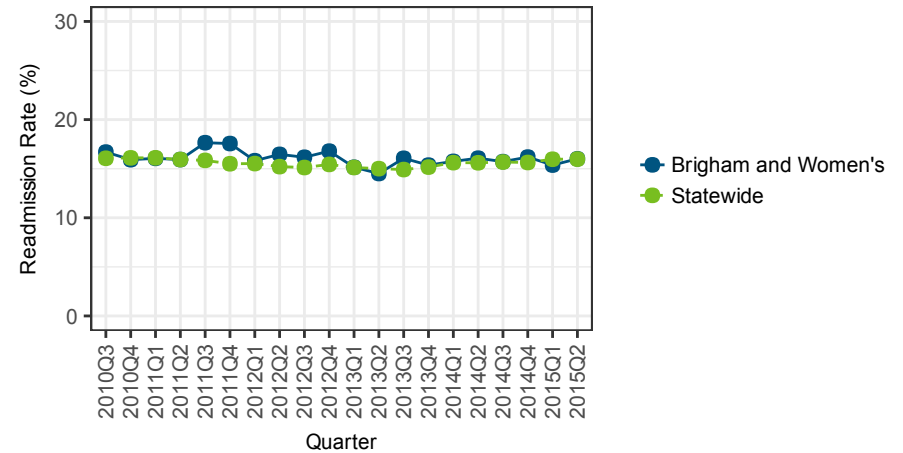
	Brigham and Women's	Statewide
Eligible Discharges	26,399	493,847
Readmissions	4,177	78,096
Readmission Rate	15.8%	15.8%
Risk-Standardized Readmission Rate	16.6%	15.8%

## All-Payer Risk-Standardized Readmission Rates by Hospital Type, July 2014 to June 2015



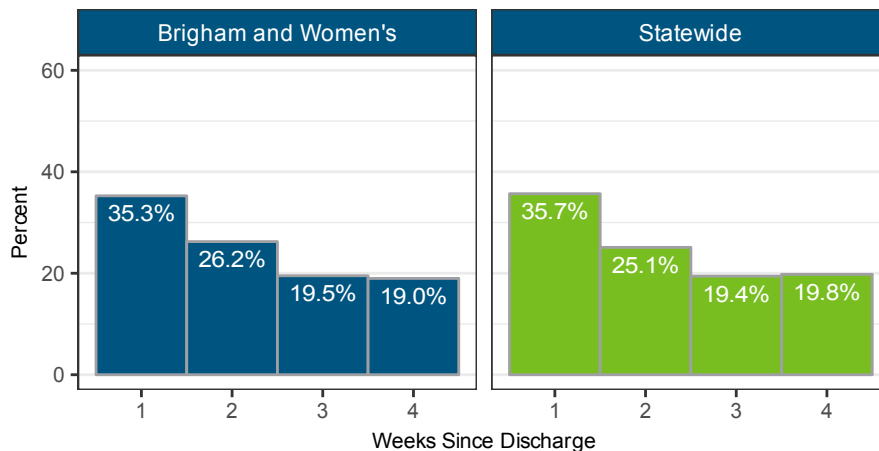
This graph shows the distribution of risk-standardized readmission rates for hospitals. Brigham and Women's Hospital is indicated by the red dot. Please see the statewide report for information on how hospital types are defined.

## All-Payer Readmission Rate by Quarter, July 2010 to June 2015



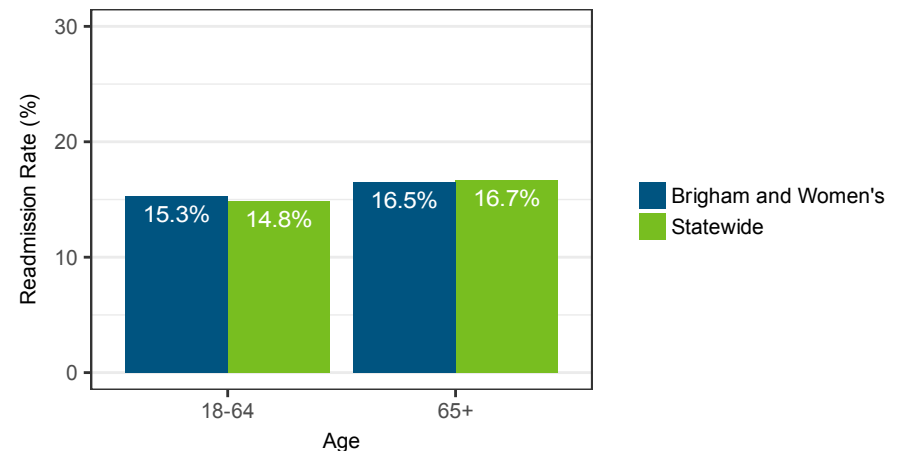
This graph shows the readmission rate for Brigham and Women's Hospital over time in comparison to the statewide rate. Cells with < 11 cases are suppressed.

## Length of Time Between Discharge and Readmission, July 2014 to June 2015



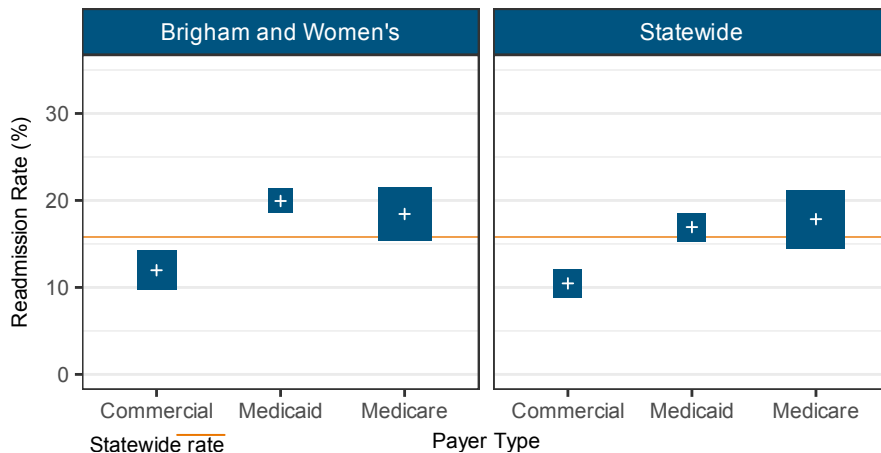
These plots show the percentage of readmissions by week from the time of the initial discharge. Cells with < 11 cases are suppressed.

## All-Payer Readmission Rates by Age, July 2014 to June 2015



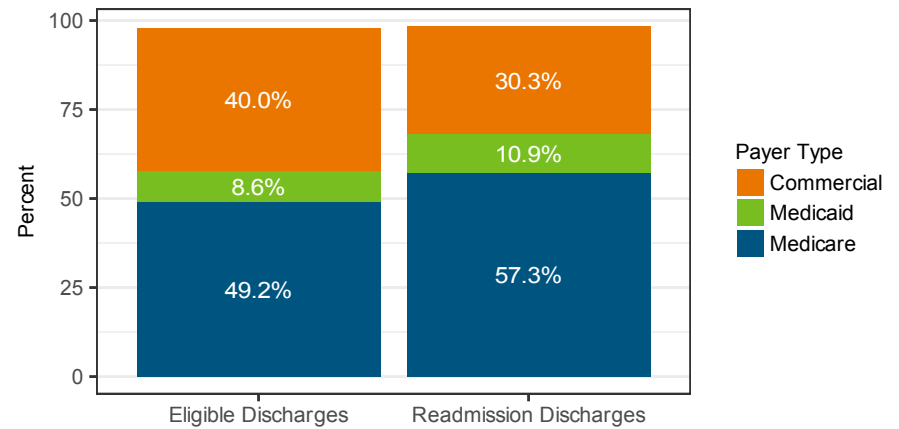
This graph shows readmission rates by age for Brigham and Women's Hospital and for the state. Cells with < 11 cases are suppressed.

## All-Payer Readmission Rate by Payer Type, July 2014 to June 2015



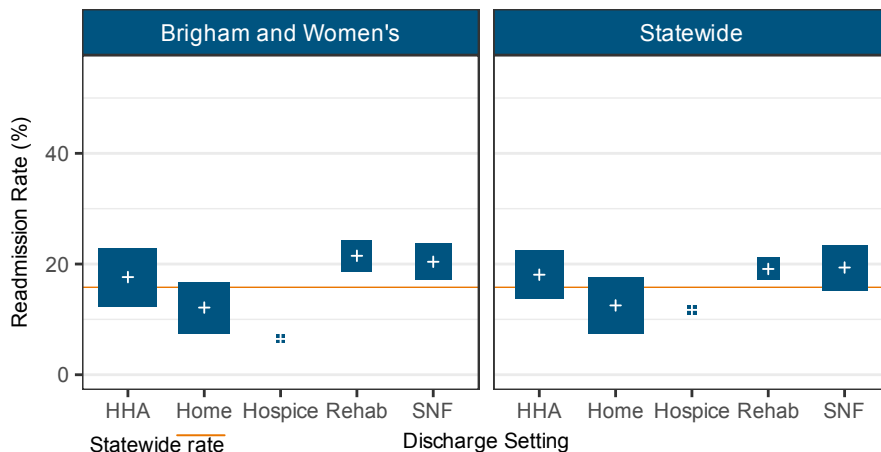
These plots show hospital and statewide readmissions broken out by the expected payer type. Vertical position of the box indicates the rate, and the size of the box is proportional to the number of readmissions. Cells with < 11 cases are suppressed.

## Payer Type Profile, July 2014 to June 2015



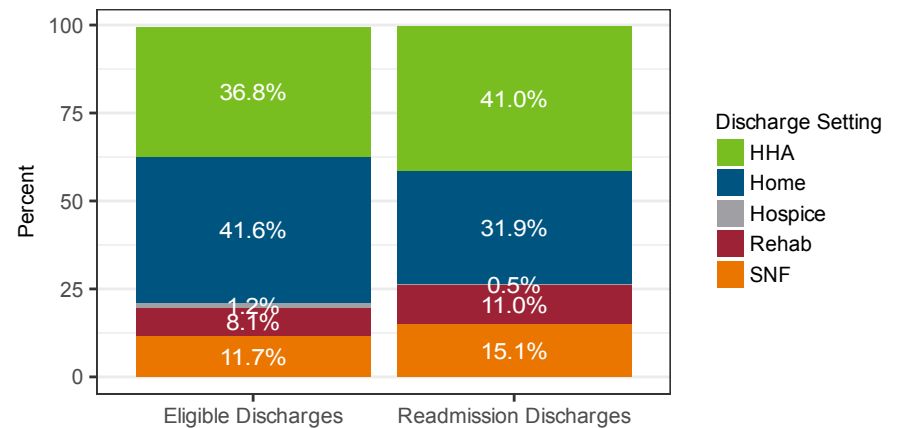
This chart compares the payer profile of discharges from Brigham and Women's Hospital that resulted in a readmission to the payer profile of all eligible discharges at Brigham and Women's Hospital. Note: "Self-Pay" and "Other" categories not shown. Cells with < 11 cases are suppressed.

## All-Payer Readmission Rate by Discharge Setting, July 2014 to June 2015



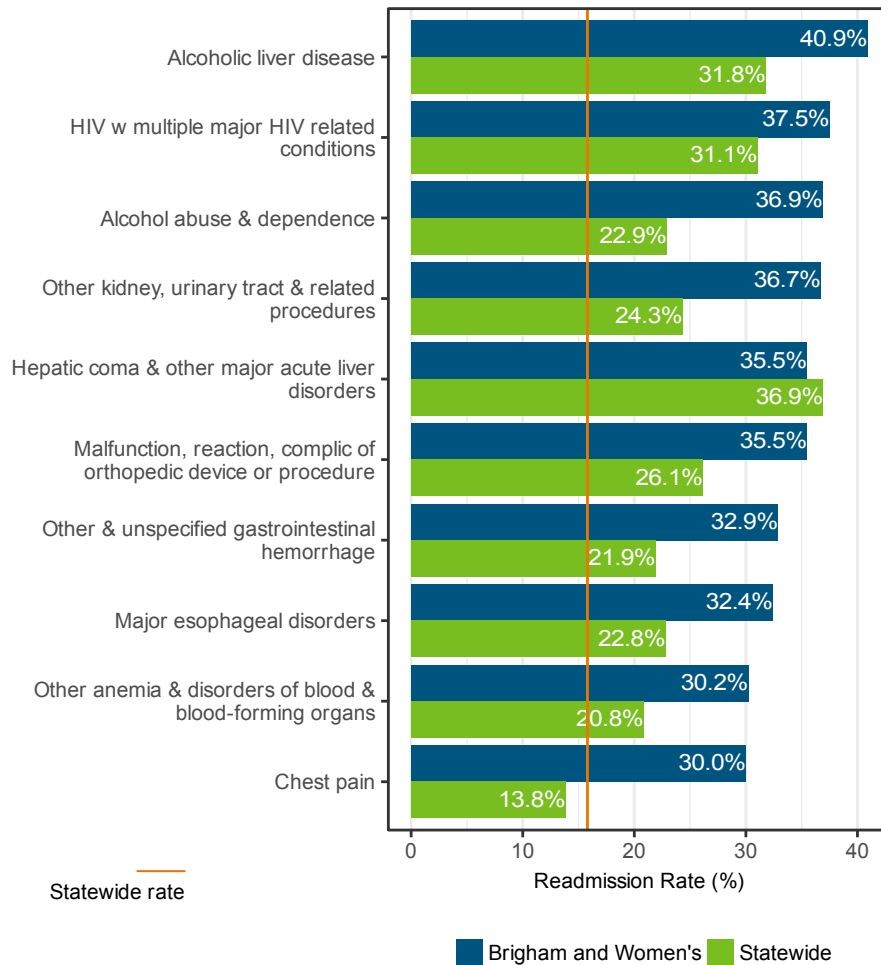
This graph shows readmission rate by the setting to which the patient was originally discharged. Note: SNF = skilled nursing facility, HHA = home with home health agency care.

## Discharge Setting Profile, July 2014 to June 2015



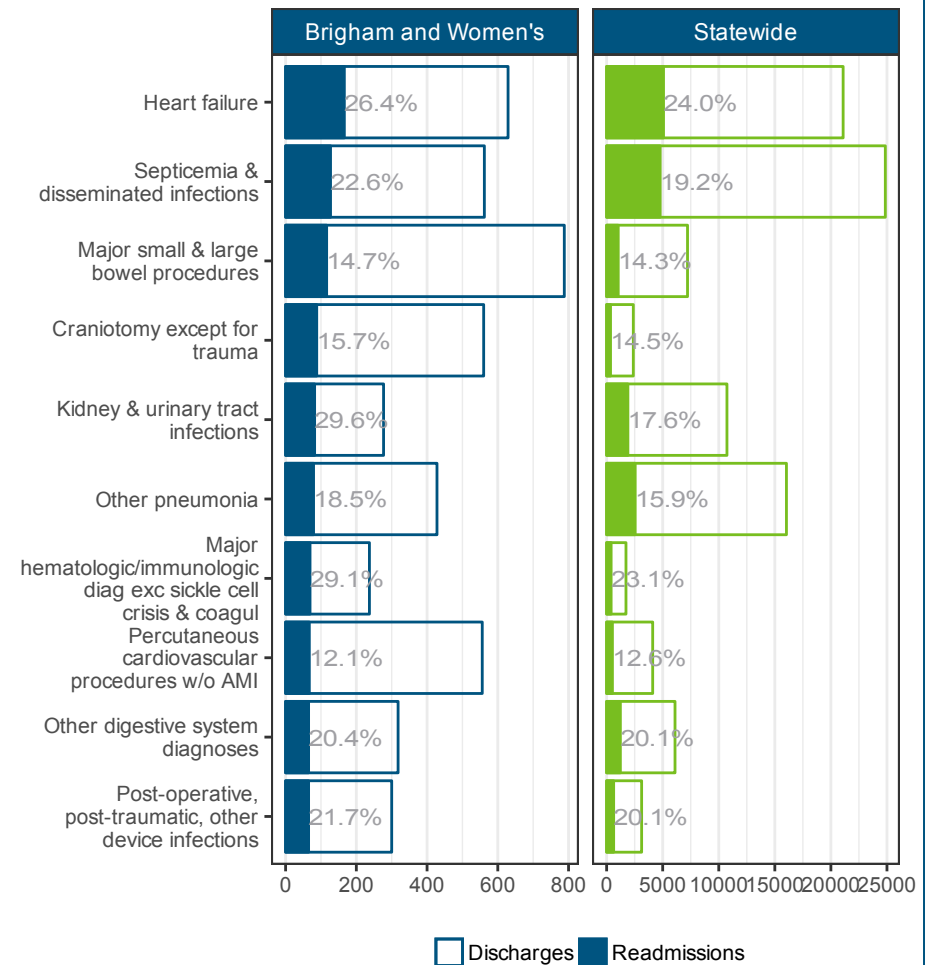
This graph shows the distribution of discharge settings for readmission discharges compared to all the eligible discharges at Brigham and Women's Hospital. Cells with < 11 cases are suppressed.

## Top Diagnoses with Highest Rates of Readmission, July 2014 to June 2015



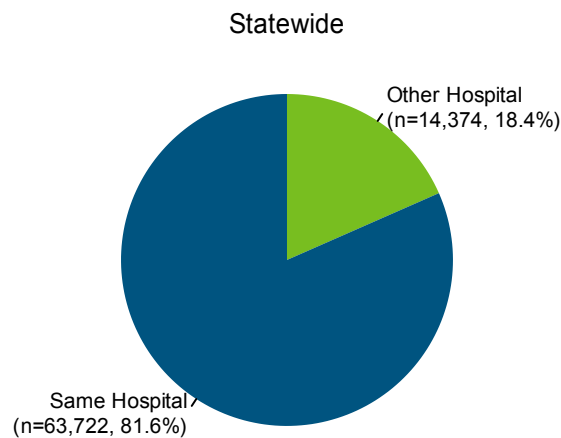
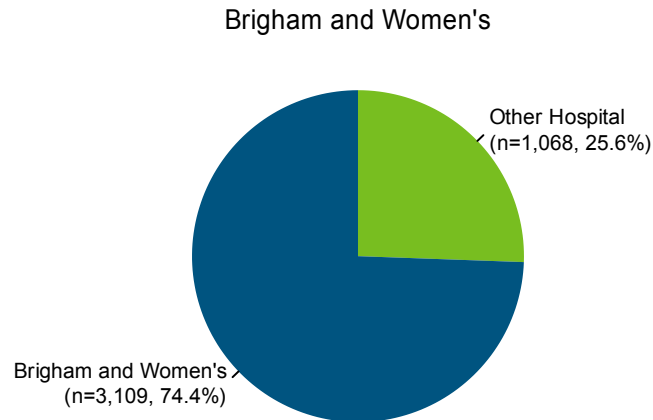
This plot shows the discharge conditions with the highest rates of readmissions for Brigham and Women's Hospital and corresponding figures for those conditions statewide. Up to the top 10 conditions are shown but only conditions with 25 or more discharges and 11 or more readmissions are included.

## Top Diagnoses with Highest Numbers of Readmissions, July 2014 to June 2015



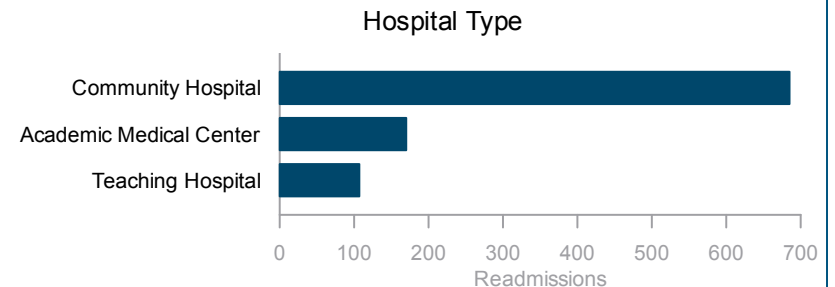
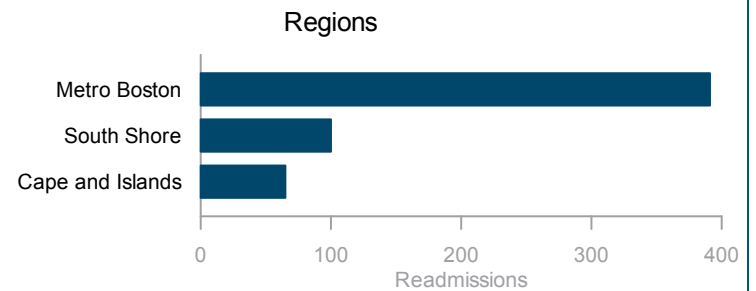
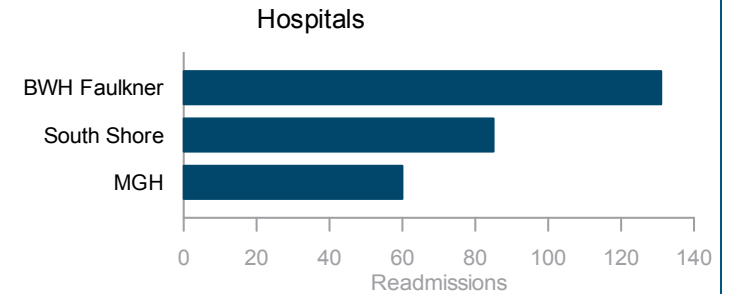
These plots show the discharge conditions with the highest numbers of readmissions at Brigham and Women's Hospital and the corresponding figures for those conditions statewide. The outlined bars represent the total number of discharges for each diagnosis, and the filled-in bars show the number of readmissions. The figures next to each bar give the readmissions rate. Up to the top 10 conditions are shown but only conditions with 25 or more discharges and 11 or more readmissions are included.

## Readmissions to Other Hospitals, July 2014 to June 2015



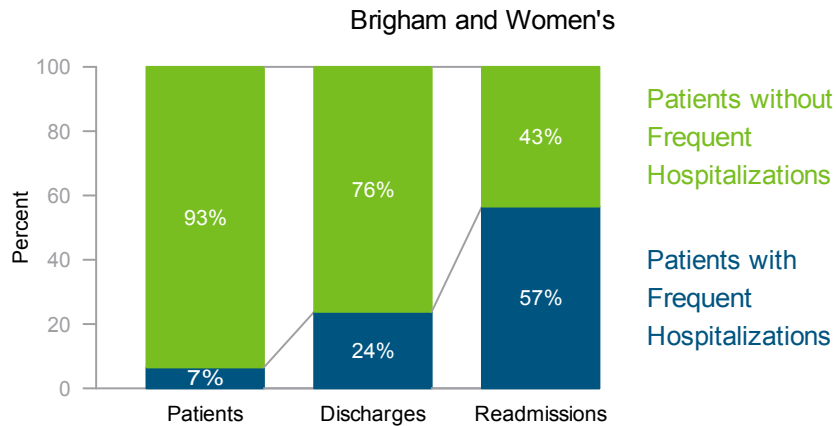
This figure shows the proportion of the readmissions from Brigham and Women's Hospital that were to another hospital, along with the corresponding statewide figure.

## Characteristics of Readmissions to Other Hospitals, July 2014 to June 2015



This display provides more information on discharges from Brigham and Women's Hospital in which the patient was subsequently readmitted to another hospital. The top portion of the figure shows the top three other hospitals to which patients from Brigham and Women's Hospital were readmitted. The middle portion shows the regions in which these patients were readmitted. The bottom portion shows the types of hospitals to which they were readmitted. The percentage for each bar represents the percentage that group represents of the total number of readmissions from Brigham and Women's Hospital that were readmitted to other hospitals. Due to data privacy concerns, only groups with 11 or more readmissions are listed. For definitions of the geographic regions, please see the statewide report.

## All-Payer Readmissions among Frequently Hospitalized Patients, July 2012 to June 2015



In the statewide report, CHIA reported readmissions for frequently hospitalized patients, defined as those with four or more admissions in any one-year period from July 2010 to June 2014. This chart shows the percentage of patients, discharges, and readmissions accounted for by frequently hospitalized patients at Brigham and Women's Hospital.

## Hospital Readmissions among Frequently Hospitalized Patients by Payer Type, July 2012 to June 2015

	Number of Patients	Percentage within Group	Number of Discharges	Number of Readmissions	Readmission Rate (%)
<b>Patients with Frequent Hospitalizations</b>	2,894	100.0%	18,992	7,112	37.4%
Commercial	852	29.4%	5,545	2,045	36.9%
Medicare	1,739	60.1%	11,253	4,184	37.2%
Medicaid	266	9.2%	1,913	777	40.6%
<b>Patients without Frequent Hospitalizations</b>	41,499	100.0%	60,756	5,462	9.0%
Commercial	20,280	48.9%	27,736	2,035	7.3%
Medicare	17,078	41.2%	27,150	2,906	10.7%
Medicaid	2,659	6.4%	3,896	387	9.9%
<b>Total</b>	44,393		79,748	12,574	15.8%

This table shows the breakdown of patients at Brigham and Women's Hospital with frequent hospitalizations by payer type, and the associated readmission rates for these groups. Note: Percentages within groups do not sum to 100 because the table excludes "Self-Pay" and "Other" categories which together sum to less than 5% of discharges. Patients with frequent hospitalizations are defined as those with four or more admissions in any one-year period from July 2012 to June 2015. Cells with fewer than 11 cases are suppressed to protect patient privacy. Additionally, cells that might be used to derive the contents of suppressed cells are also suppressed. All such cells are indicated by "--".



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