

# WHY REHOSPITALIZATIONS FOR HEART FAILURE MATTER

AGE  
65+

## HEART FAILURE (HF)

is the leading cause of hospitalization for Americans over the age of 65<sup>1</sup>

People living with HF often experience debilitating symptoms<sup>2,3</sup>

Keeping people with HF out of the hospital is critical to reducing the health and economic burden associated with the condition

## PATIENT IMPACT



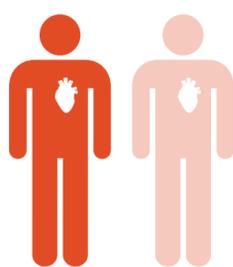
**almost 2**  
hospitalizations for HF occur every minute<sup>6</sup>



**~70%**  
of hospital admissions for HF are for patients with a previous diagnosis of HF<sup>7</sup>

## TYPES OF HF

There are two types of HF: reduced ejection fraction (HFrEF) and preserved ejection fraction (HFpEF)<sup>4</sup>



**~1/2**  
of HF patients have reduced ejection fraction<sup>5</sup>

Hospitalizations increase unnecessary stress on patients and their families



The number of HF hospitalizations is a strong predictor of patient mortality<sup>8</sup>

## IMPACT OF READMISSIONS ON HOSPITAL PERFORMANCE



The **30-day readmission rate** for HF patients is an important performance indicator for healthcare organizations<sup>9</sup>

Hospitals can lose as much as **3%** of their Medicare payments for higher readmission rates<sup>9</sup>



## ECONOMIC IMPACT OF HF OVERALL

Direct costs of HF:<sup>10</sup>

**~\$21 BILLION**



**80%**  
of those direct costs spent on hospitalizations<sup>10</sup>

Experts estimate direct HF costs will grow to

**NEARLY \$53 BILLION**  
by 2030<sup>10</sup>



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