

Peer-Review Report

# Peer Review of “The Association of Shared Care Networks With 30-Day Heart Failure Excessive Hospital Readmissions: Longitudinal Observational Study”

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**KEYWORDS**

patient readmission; quality assurance; health care; catchment area; health; community networks; regional medical programs

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**Round 1 Review****Major Comments**

- Title: For this study [1], please include the type of study in the title. If you are considering 30-day readmission, please specify it in the title.

**Abstract**

- Please move the objective section to the end of the background section, and it is recommended that it is written the same as in the study title.
- Methods: Please start this section with the study design. Study setting, study variables, and outcomes and their measurements should be mentioned, briefly. Eligibility criteria have not been provided.
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- Keywords: Please write these according to the Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) system.
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- Please start this section with the study design. A retrospective study is not a study design and refers to the type of data collection.
- Please provide information about institutional review board (IRB) approval of this study.
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- Tables: They are not in the scientific form. Please revise them according to JMIR guidelines.

**Round 2 Review**

I would like to thank the authors for considering all the reviewers' comments.

However, there is no IRB or research ethics committee approval.

According to the authors' statement “all data used in this work is made publicly available by the Hospital Reduction Readmission Program (HRRP) and Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD).” It is recommended to mention it in the Acknowledgments section and the first paragraph of the study design.

## Conflicts of Interest

None declared.

## Reference

1. Pinheiro D, Hartman R, Mai J, Romero E, Soroya S, Bastos-Filho C, et al. The association of shared care networks with 30-day heart failure excessive hospital readmissions: longitudinal observational study. *JMIRx Med*. 2022;3(2):e30777 [[FREE Full text](#)]

## Abbreviations

**HRRP:** Hospital Reduction Readmission Program

**IRB:** institutional review board

**MeSH:** Medical Subject Headings

**OSHPD:** Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development

**STROBE:** Strengthening the Reporting of Observational Studies in Epidemiology

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