



'It takes a village'

A Multidisciplinary Data Driven Approach in Reducing Potentially Avoidable Readmissions

The Novant Health Readmission Reduction Committee in collaboration with Analytics and Informatics Team and Service Line Leadership

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Mission

Novant Health exists to improve the health of communities, one person at a time.

Vision

We, the Novant Health team, will deliver the most remarkable patient experience in every dimension, every time.

Safety • Quality

Authentic personalized relationships

Voice & choice • Easy for me

Affordability

Values

Diversity and Inclusion

Teamwork

Personal excellence

Courage

Compassion

Our people

We are an inclusive team of purpose-driven people inspired and united by our passion to care for each other, our patients and our communities.

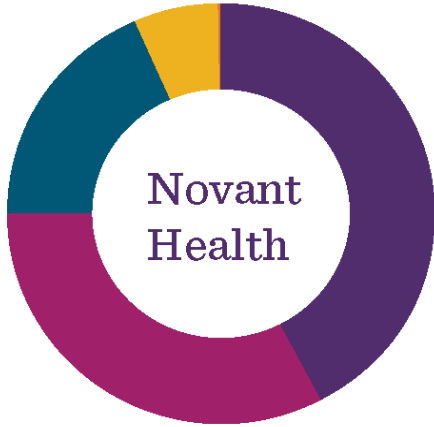
Our promise

We are making your healthcare experience remarkable. We will bring you world-class clinicians, care and technology — when and where you need them. We are reinventing the healthcare experience to be simpler, more convenient and more affordable, so that you can focus on getting better and staying healthy.





By the numbers



- 3,833 Medical staff providers
- 2,683 Beds
- 1,634 NHMG* physicians
- 566 NHMG* clinics
- 15 Medical centers

255,123

Flu shots given in 2018



20,385*

Babies born in 2018



544,825*

ER visits



10,334

E-visits

140,643*

Total surgeries

301,594

Appointments scheduled online in 2018

*Novant Health Medical Group



649

Locations



130,474*

Inpatients cared for in 2018



421

ER treatment rooms

136

Operating rooms



618,654

Prescriptions filled in 2018



- 15,192 Acute care
- 8,602 Medical Group
- 4,113 Corporate
- 758 Ambulatory services
- 51 Assisted living

3

57.8 M

Hand washings per year



20,650

Mobile app downloads



426

Patients enrolled in clinical trials

190

Cancer trials

236

Noncancer trials



5.06M

Encounters in 2018

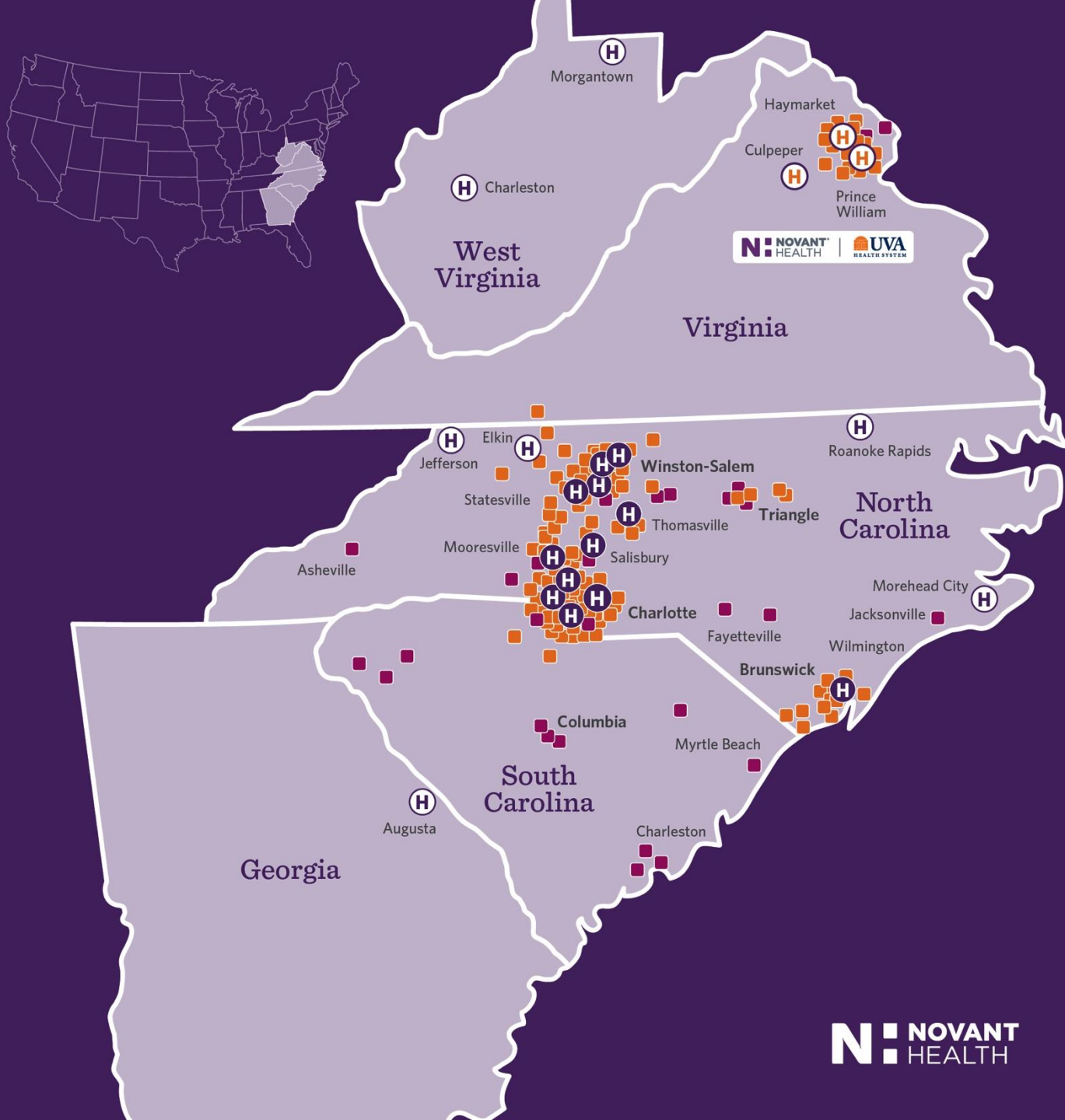
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MyChart users



NH

-  Novant Health medical centers
-  Novant Health UVA Health System medical centers
-  Hospitals with an Adept Health agreement
-  Physician offices
-  Imaging centers



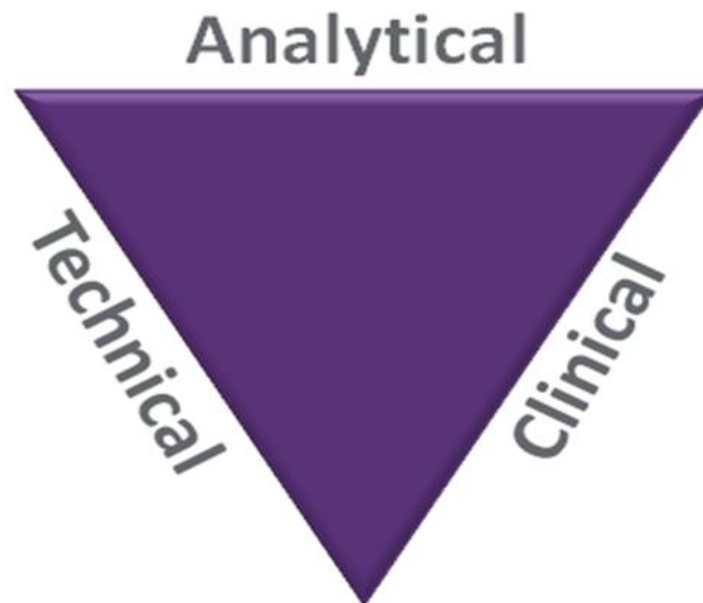
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Key Objectives

- Identify the model used to support and promote high quality and cost effective care delivery across the continuum with respect to readmission reduction
- Discuss data aggregation processes and analysis utilized and the impact on reducing readmissions
- Discuss readmission reduction strategies and processes implemented across the health system
- Identify future strategies for sustaining decreased readmissions and advancement of value based care delivery

Novant Health Analytics and Informatics Team

- Scope and purpose: conduct analysis across the system and care continuum to drive improvement from financial, workflow, and a clinical perspective
- Consists of a mix of clinical and technical resources for mining and analysis of multiple data sources from across the enterprise
- Works closely with leaders, clinicians, technical resources across the enterprise in support of corporate goals, ongoing improvement and innovative opportunity



Novant Health Analytics and Informatics Team

- Ability to aggregate system wide data across multiple sources
- Ability to deploy a variety of analytical tools to achieve insight

Data sources

- Novant Health Financial systems [Acute: Trendstar and Ambulatory: Kaufman Hall]
- Electronic Medical Record [Epic]
- Patient Satisfaction survey data [Press Ganey]



Designed and created targeted data marts to support integrated analysis

- Readmission mart



- SAS

- IBM Cognos

- Power BI

- Microsoft Excel



Readmission Reduction Committee Goals

- Improve performance in Value-based Healthcare
- Increase collaboration and knowledge transfer of best practice guidelines within the organization through a multi-disciplinary team
- Improve communication and care coordination efforts among the patient's treatment team
- Create better engagement with patients and caregivers related to post-discharge planning

Readmission Reduction Committee

Community
Care

Hips/knees

AMI/HF/
CABG

COPD/
Pneumonia

Stroke

Hospice/
Palliative
care

Pharmacy

Infection
Prevention

Diversity &
Inclusion

CDI

Post-Acute
Care

Care
Connections

Nursing
Leaders

Facility
Leaders

Physician
Leaders

Clinical
Excellence

Analytics &
Informatics

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Readmission Committee Goals

Readmission Conditions	Novant Health Readmission Baseline 2014 Calendar Year	Novant Health Readmission LTG Target	Novant Health Present Reduction from Baseline	CMS National Observed Readmission Rate July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015
Acute Myocardial Infarction [AMI]	14.2%	9.9%	30%	16.6%
Coronary Artery Bypass Graft Surgery [CABG]	6.3%	5.0%	20%	14.2%
Heart Failure [HF]	20.5%	14.4%	30%	21.9%
Pneumonia [PN]	17.7%	12.4%	30%	17.2%
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease [COPD]	19.7%	13.8%	30%	20.0%
Elective Total Hip/Knee Replacements [THR/TKR]	3.7%	2.9%	20%	4.5%
Stroke [STK]	7.1%	5.7%	20%	12.5%

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Data Sources

Publicly Reported Data

- CMS Condition Specific Readmission Hospital Reduction Program [HRRP]

Novant Health Internal Data

- NH Condition Specific Readmission Reports
[modeled from CMS methodology]
- Skilled Nursing Facility and Home Health Agency Utilization
- Post-Acute Performance and Network Utilization
- Electronic medical record patient encounter data
[Acute and Ambulatory]

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Analysis and Insight

Discharge Disposition

Overutilization of Skilled Nursing Facility
Underutilization of Hospice

Lapse in Days

0-7 days in surgical population
Varied by medical condition

Reason for Readmission

50% were related to the medical reason of the index
Complications from surgery

Readmission Facility [Novant/Non-Novant]

80% were Novant

Health Equity

2% - 5% difference in readmission rates based on race

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Community Care

- Enhanced weekend coverage of Case Management
- Created a Preferred Post Acute Network
 - A partnership with selected SNF and Home Health Agencies that ensured Novant patients care was being driven by specific care pathways developed by Novant Health physicians
- Frequent follow-up visits to SNF patients by Novant Health Post-Acute Team
- Monthly Post Acute leadership meeting with SNFs and HHA to focus on readmission reduction
- Specialized post acute facilities (orthopedic, CHF, stroke)

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Orthopedics

- Standardization of Pre-Operative Education
- Discharge planning is done ahead of procedure
- Patient Selection Criteria
 - develop and standardize patient selection criteria to maximize patient outcomes and minimize post-operative complications
 - mandatory pre-admission visits, majority onsite
- Surgical Optimization
 - optimize the health of patients who do not meet selection criteria, who are at risk of poor outcomes. Referral to another care provider team member within health system.
- Disease Specific Navigators
 - Centralized point of contact for patients through all phases of care

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Hospital Based Medicine

- Implemented Pulmonary Navigator role
- Updated EMR Order sets and tracked order set usage
- Transitional Care Unit after Discharge
 - Follow-up with a Respiratory Therapist/Navigator within 3 days after discharge
- Antibiotic Stewardship
 - Implemented best practice guidelines for first line antibiotic treatment

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Heart and Vascular

- AMI patients receive a 48-hour phone call from Care Connections to review medications and verify 7-day f/u appointment made
- CABG patients follow up with a navigator one week after discharge
- Increase referrals to Cardiac Rehab
- Schedule follow-up appointment for Heart Failure patients within 3 days from discharge
- Redefine PMC heart failure team
 - Heart Failure Program Manager/RN
 - Heart Failure Medical Director
 - Heart Failure Navigator
 - Pharmacist support

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Neurosciences

- Implemented a Stroke Bridge Clinic (SBC) – Bridges the gap between the hospital admission and the outpatient neurology visit.
 - Stroke/TIA patients discharged home or to rehab are scheduled to return within 7 days of discharge.
- Stroke Navigators call all patients at 7, 30 and 90 days after discharge.
 - Review signs/symptoms of stroke
 - Medication management
 - Ensure follow-up appointments are scheduled
 - Ask questions specific to their care and well-being
- Case management has partnered with a preferred network of SNF's to ensure our patients are admitted in a timely fashion.

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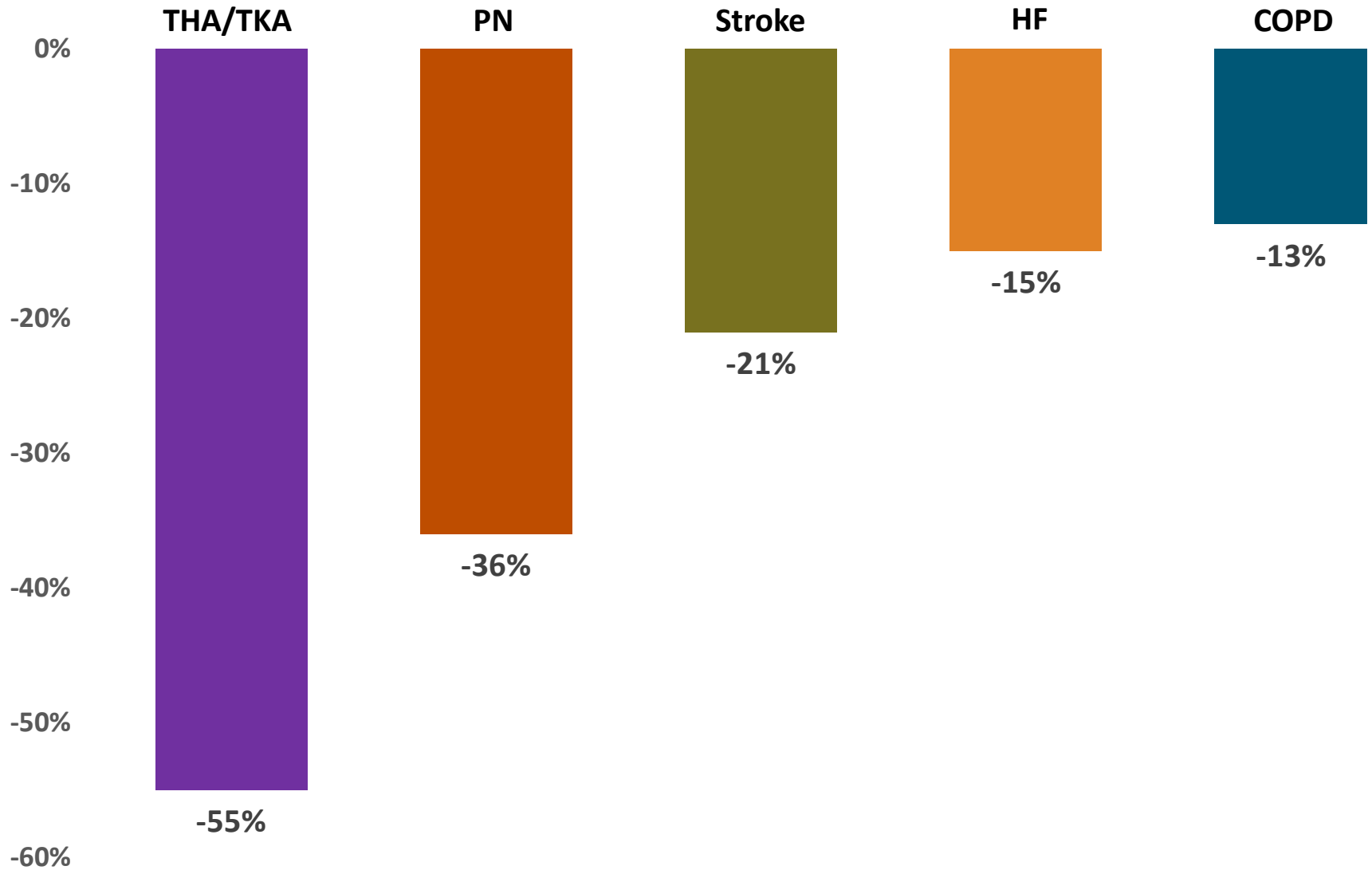
Hospice/Palliative Care

System wide goal developed to integrate the Choices and Champions culture and tools in the daily workflows of team members who serve our patients across the care continuum.

- patients age 18 or older seen in a Novant Health Medical Group clinic; excluding Urgent Care, Express Care, and ambulatory surgical center clinics, have a documented “champion” decision-maker – 2016 baseline 1.1% -> Feb. 2019 94.8%
- Medicare patients admitted to a NH hospital have a documented Advance Care Planning (“ACP”) note in the medical record – 2016 baseline 3.7% -> Feb. 2019 71.9%
- Retrospective review of Index and Readmission records revealed opportunities to screen/refer medically appropriate patients to Hospice at time of discharge

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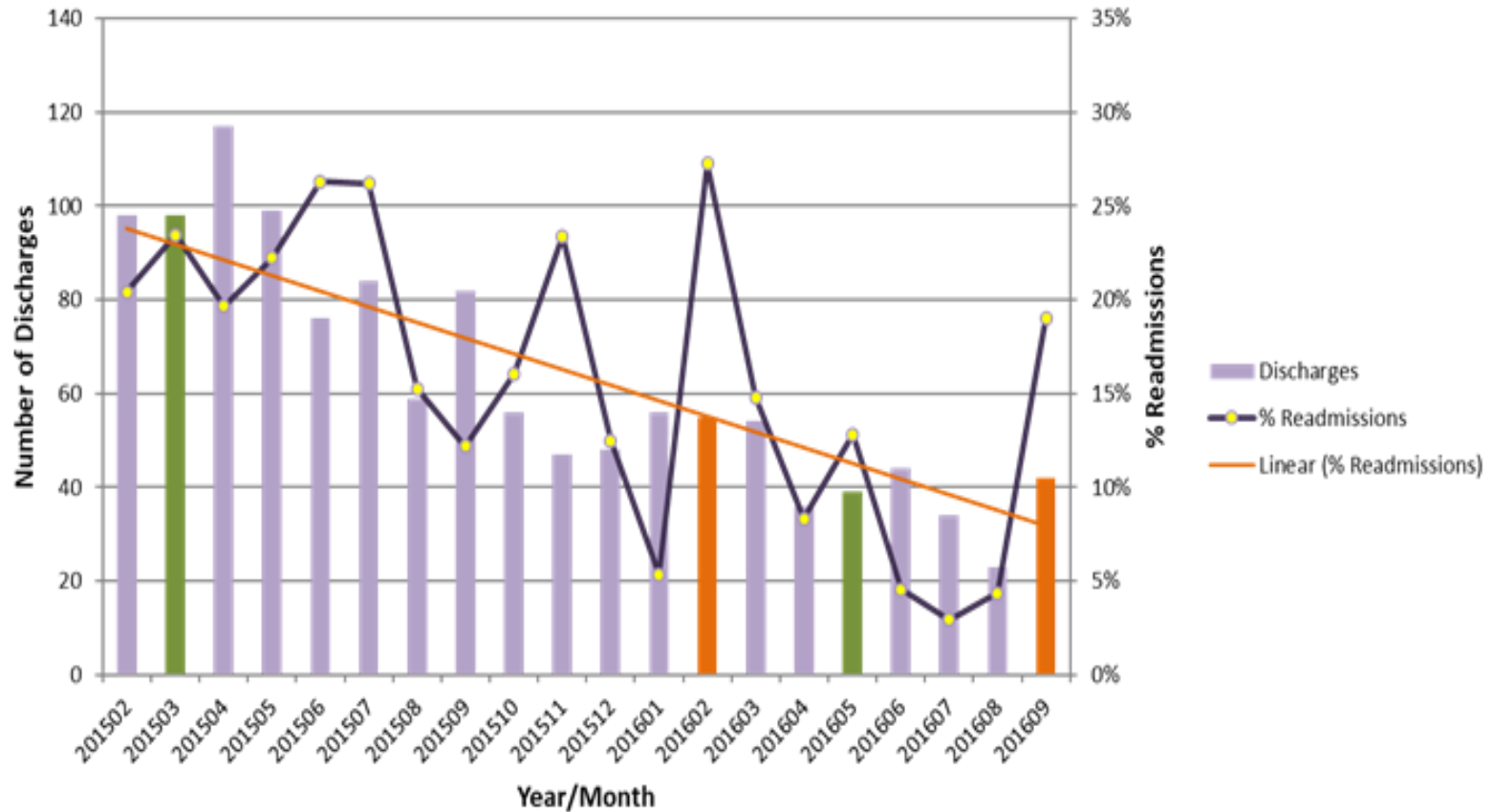
SNF Utilization improvement



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Hospital Based Medicine

Readmissions since Navigator Embedded



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Hospital Based Medicine

Order set utilization for Pneumonia and COPD patients

	2016	2018
Pneumonia	26%	56%
COPD	24%	52%

Antibiotic Stewardship-

Pneumonia patients received appropriate antibiotics

	2016	2018
Pneumonia	80%	92%

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Hospice/Palliative Care

Documented “champion” decision-maker

1%

Baseline
(Jul – Dec 2016)

42%

December 2017

95%

Current
Performance

Advance Care Planning (“ACP”) note in the medical record

5%

Baseline
(Jul – Dec 2016)

12%

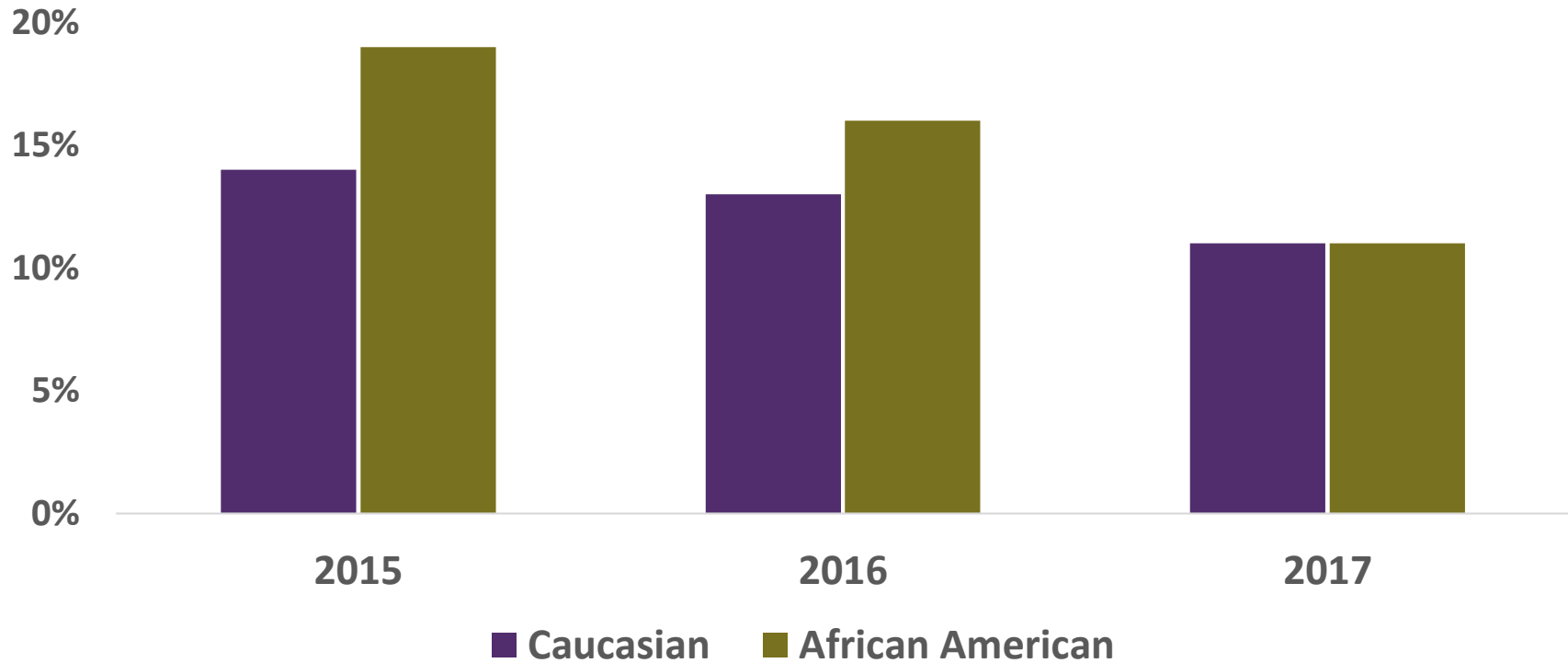
December 2017

72%

Current
Performance

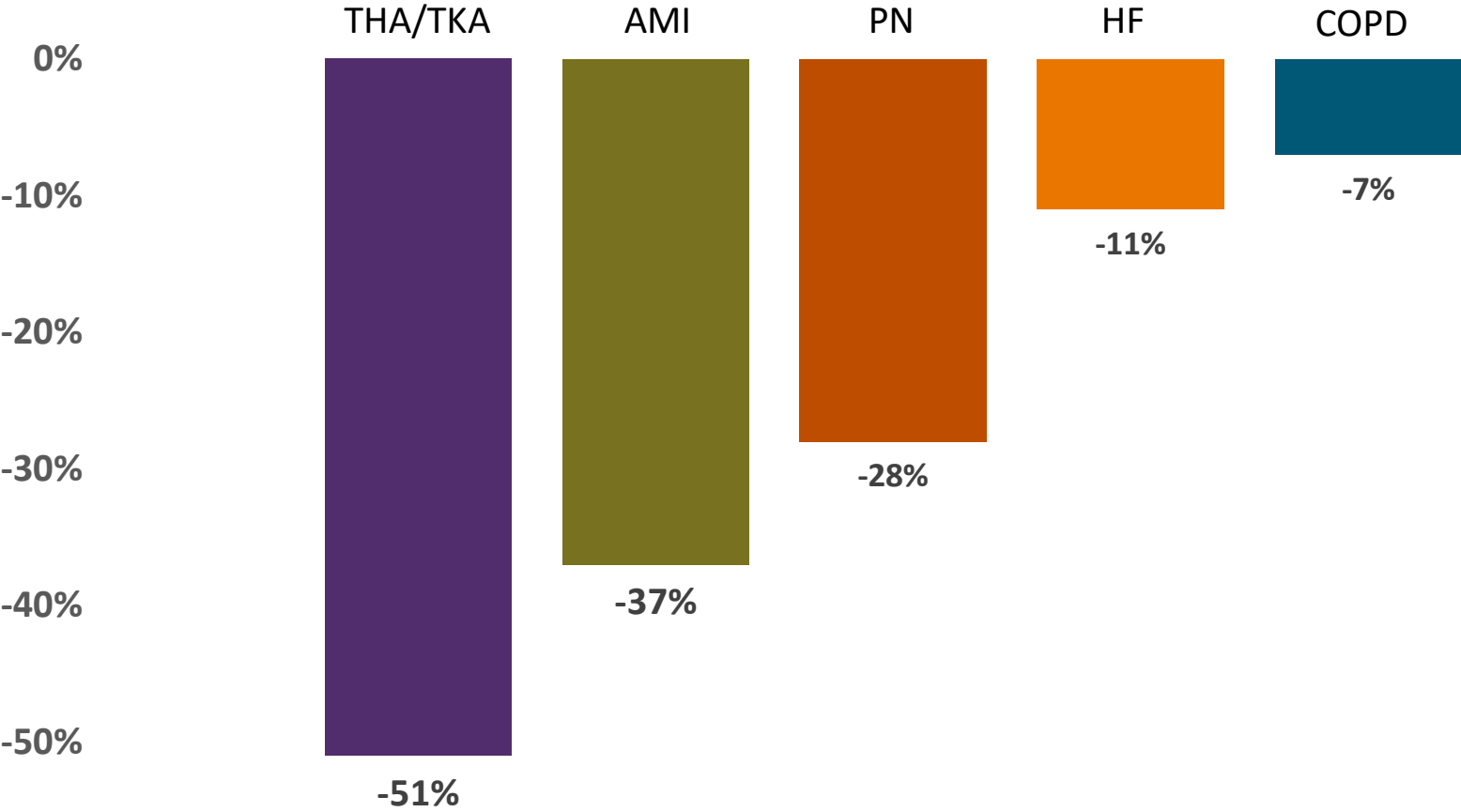
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Pneumonia Readmission Rates



2018 Inaugural Health Equity Award Winner

Percent reduction in Unplanned Readmission Rates 2014 - 2017



CABG and COPD readmission rates increased from Baseline

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Final Results

	Novant Health Performance Sept - Nov 2017	Novant Health Readmission LTG Target	CMS Readmission Rate
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Final Results

30-Day All Cause Readmissions*

Condition	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Target
Acute Myocardial Infarction [AMI]	6.1%	6.6%	7.2%	7.1%	7.4%	7.4%	7.9%	7.3%	7.2%	7.8%	7.9%	8.0%	12.5%
Coronary Artery Bypass Graft Surgery [CABG]	5.3%	6.4%	7.5%	7.7%	7.5%	7.4%	8.8%	7.0%	7.3%	6.9%	8.8%	9.2%	10.4%
Heart Failure [HF]	16.4%	15.7%	15.4%	16.1%	15.7%	15.3%	15.7%	15.3%	16.0%	16.0%	15.7%	15.9%	17.2%
Pneumonia [PN]	9.6%	10.3%	11.7%	12.4%	12.3%	12.2%	12.0%	11.9%	12.2%	12.0%	12.0%	12.4%	13.4%
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease [COPD]	17.4%	16.9%	17.6%	17.5%	17.4%	17.7%	17.6%	18.1%	17.6%	17.8%	17.6%	17.6%	15.7%
Elective Total Hip/Knee Replacements [THR/TKR]	1.5%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.4%	2.2%	2.4%	2.4%	2.4%	2.4%	3.3%
Stroke [STK]	7.4%	7.3%	7.2%	7.2%	7.1%	7.2%	6.8%	6.7%	6.6%	6.9%	6.8%	7.1%	9.5%
Hospital Wide (HWR)	11.2%	11.2%	11.3%	11.4%	11.4%	11.4%	11.5%	11.4%	11.5%	11.6%	11.5%	11.7%	12.2%

Thank You!

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