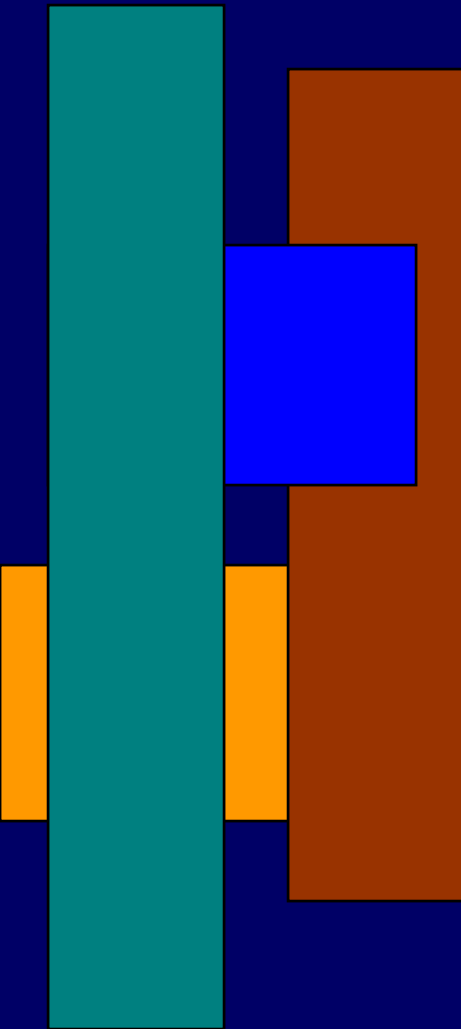




Tracking Hospital Readmissions: Report on the First National Tracking Hospital Readmissions: Research and Reporting Conference

San Antonio, TX
October 28-29 2008

NAHDO Webinar
June 18, 2009





Webinar Support:

- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
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Agenda:

- Overview and summary of conference:
Denise Love, RN, MBA NAHDO
- Consensus Building for Public Reporting on Hospital Readmission:
Wu Xu, PhD Utah Department of Health
- Clinically Specific Conditions and Considerations for Tracking Readmissions:
Susan McBride, RN, PhD, Texas Tech University
- Discussion
- Announcing the Second Readmissions Conference
- Suggested Webinar Topics for 2009

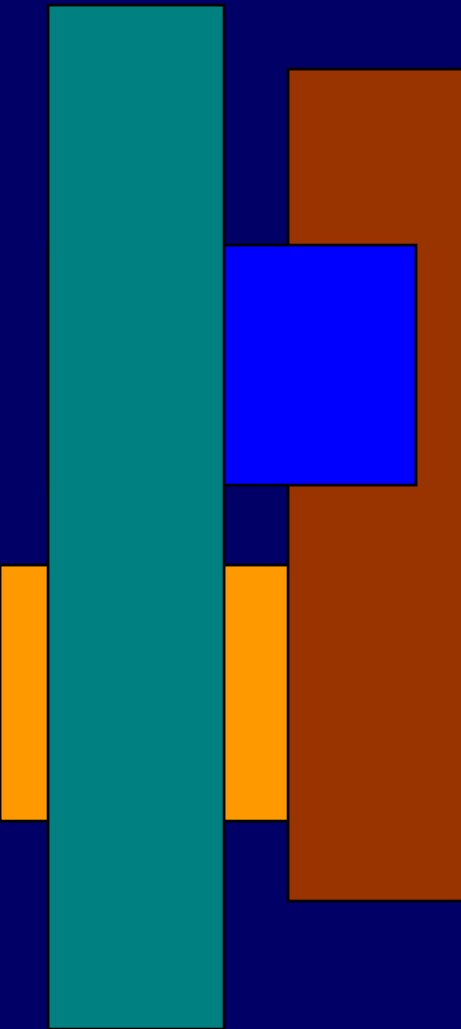


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Purpose

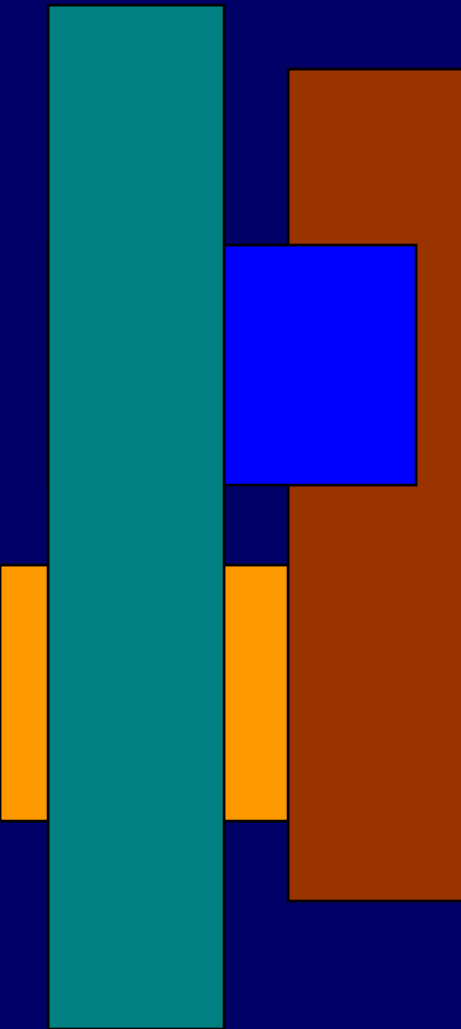
to identify a baseline for and to promote consensus on current reporting approaches

Scope

brought together 54 state, national, and private sector health data experts over two days

Pre-conference

consensus-building assessment tool included as part of the registration process (Wu Xu will present this next)





Aims and Results:(1)

- Aim 1: Develop consensus on standard methods in tracking hospital readmissions and data with readmissions indicator

General agreement on :

- Readmissions are significant in terms of cost and quality
- Public Reporting is an important component to reduce readmissions
- Variation in measures and approaches will continue while standards and methods evolve
- Must be mindful of the unintended consequences

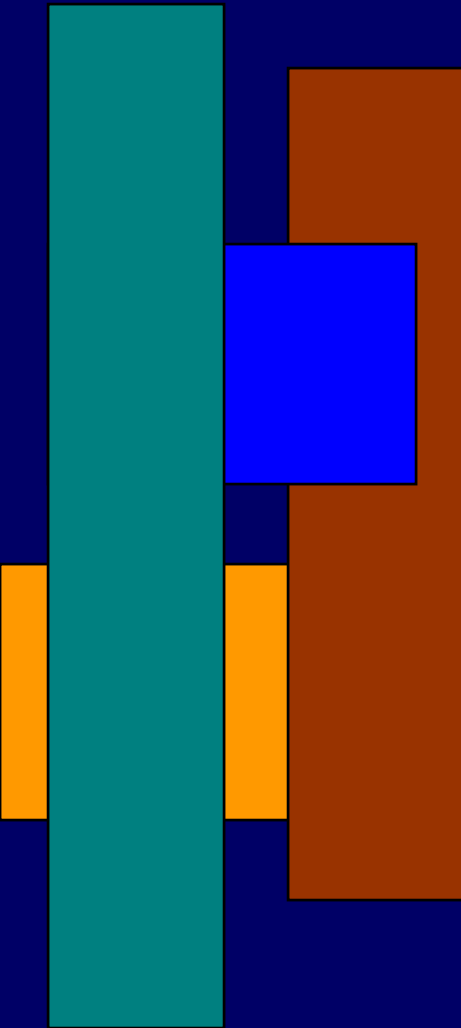


Aims and Results:(2)

- Aim 2: Establish comparable baselines for various approaches for readmissions assessment and reporting

Result

- Readmissions reporting is a priority for state & federal agencies
- Readmission is a multi-dimensional measure with efficiency, chronic disease, process and outcomes aspects
- Standardization & risk adjustment measures need to evolve
- Quality control of data and linkages is needed





Aims and Results: (3)

- Aim 3: Document and subsequently disseminate the knowledge and experiences shared during the conference to support, and potentially enhance, the NQF endorsed readmission indicators for quality improvement and accountability

Result

- This webinar
- Manuscripts for publication
- Draft report (will disseminate to NAHDO members for comments)

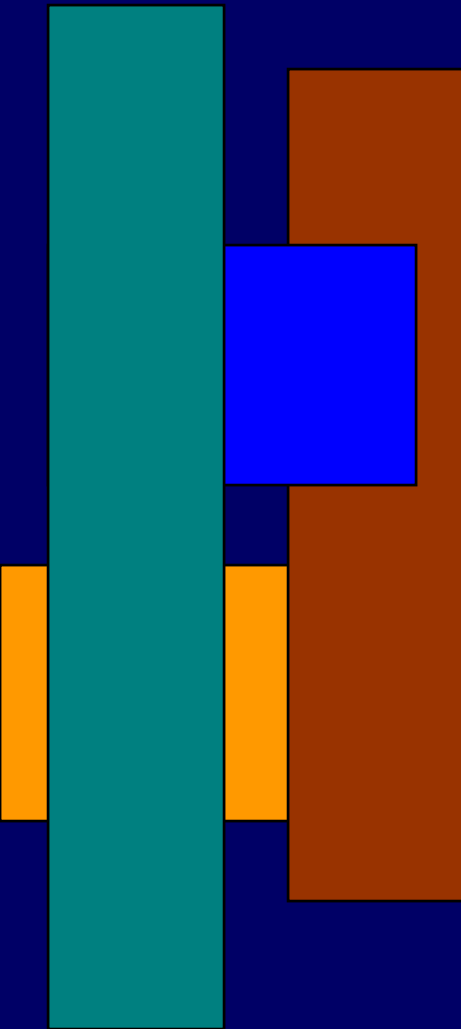


Major Findings

- Readmissions Are A Cross-Cutting, Cross-System Issue in terms:
 - reducing cost
 - quality improvement

- Public reporting is an essential component to reducing readmissions

- More research and consensus development is needed around
 - Definitions
 - The scope of measures
 - Standardization and risk adjustment measures
 - Quality and improvement of underlying data & linkages
 - The interplay between public reporting and quality improvement



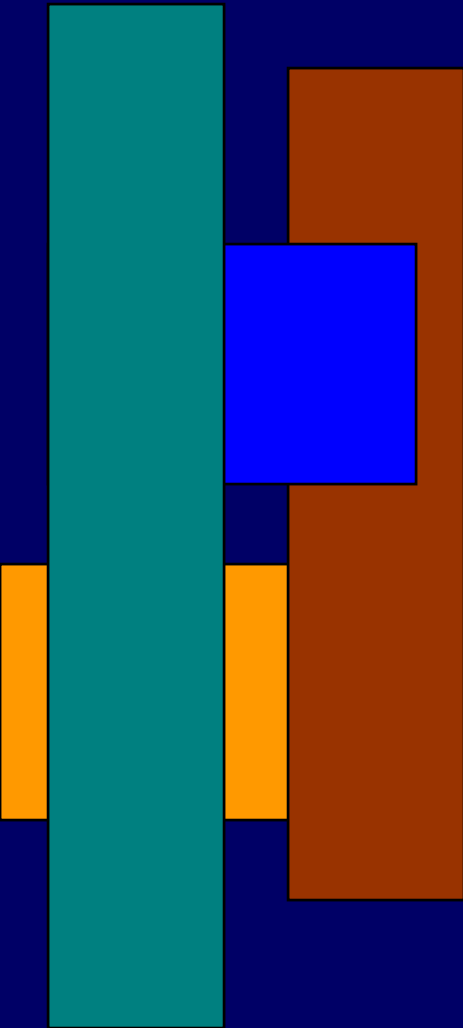


Next Steps

- AHRQ fund/mentor/encourage development of readmission data set and research/validation methods
- NAHDO should develop a report (or reports) justifying what patient identifiers states must collect (e.g., SSN/address)
- NAHDO should develop and maintain a Data Linkage Resource Website
- Readmissions Demonstration Project with Volunteer States



- Wu Xu
- Susan McBride
- Discussion





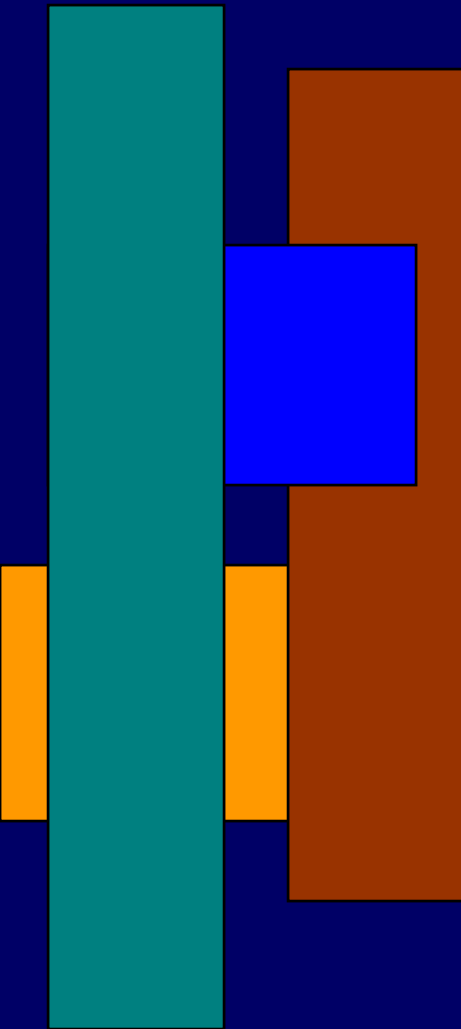
Announcing the Second Readmissions Conference

Beyond Consensus: Methods to Inform Improvements of Readmission Rates

October 14, 2009

Hilton Old Town, Alexandria, Virginia

Information available at www.nahdo.org





Purpose of the conference

- Public policy related to payment reform and public reporting is driving a nationwide agenda to address readmissions.
- Key area's to be addressed in the conference (proposed):
 - Infrastructure needed for reporting Readmissions
 - Applications of reporting readmissions
 - Development of public use data files for supporting improvement



Suggested Webinar Topics for 2009:

- Linking variables and linking techniques and methods
- Cross-state data sharing
- PQI flags within a readmission file to identify potentially avoidable readmissions
- Present on admission validity
- Other suggestions.....

