

3M™ Potentially Preventable Readmissions Grouping Software

- Identifies potentially preventable readmissions using powerful clinical grouping logic
- Allows users to define the readmission interval and exclude certain condition categories, such as mental or behavioral health
- Provides a basis for outcomes-based payment and patient safety initiatives

The 3M advantage

With the 3M Potentially Preventable Readmissions (PPR) Grouping Software, 3M takes a comprehensive approach to identifying clinically related and potentially avoidable readmissions. The 3M software uses clinical logic to determine the likelihood that a readmission could be clinically related to a prior admission and excludes prior admissions for clinically unrelated conditions—such as some trauma, cancer and burns.

The result? The 3M PPR Grouping Software provides detailed data to show the impact and possible causes of readmissions.

The challenge: Different definitions, different methods

Patient safety is a priority for every healthcare organization. The challenge is to balance quality of care with fiscal responsibility, which has led to the emergence of outcomes-based payment and public reporting.

Since the goal of inpatient care is to help patients stay out of the hospital after discharge, one measure of poor care is an excessive readmission rate. Because readmissions directly impact resource utilization, they have become a financial measure, too, as public and commercial health plans set penalties for hospitals with higher-than-average rates of preventable readmissions.

Health plans and policymakers have defined readmissions in a number of ways. Some count any readmission while others consider only those that are clinically related to a prior admission. And each definition can specify different readmission windows—typically 7, 15 or 30 days after discharge.

The 3M solution

Not all readmissions are preventable. Some are planned, some are not clinically related to a prior admission, and others cannot be prevented even with optimal care. But those that can be prevented represent a huge opportunity to improve quality and efficiency. The key is to determine which readmissions are clinically preventable.

The 3M Potentially Preventable Readmissions (PPR) Grouping Software identifies potentially preventable readmissions based on clinically precise criteria. It determines whether a readmission is clinically related to a prior admission based on the patient's diagnosis and procedures in the prior admission and the reason for readmission. It is a powerful tool for identifying readmissions that potentially could have been prevented with better discharge planning, care coordination and follow up.

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By accommodating a wide range of conditions, the 3M PPR Grouping Software can provide a comprehensive view of readmission patterns and a focused insight into related readmissions for any user-defined window following discharge, as the situation demands. Readmission rates are risk-adjusted for case mix and severity of illness. Results can be compared across hospitals or physicians, establishing a fair basis for reporting hospital performance or developing payment models.

Key benefits

The 3M PPR model builds on the foundation of the **3M™ APR DRG Classification System** to risk adjust readmission data for severity of illness and risk of mortality. The model takes into consideration such critical risk-adjustment factors as major mental health or substance abuse problems, extremes of age, and payer type when they are present in the data.

More importantly, the 3M PPR Grouping Software provides reason codes that explain why a readmission was or was not considered preventable.

Thanks to its robust features, this one methodology can help meet the needs of hospitals, payers and patients to:

- Understand why a readmission may be considered preventable and thus adapt the delivery of care to improve patient safety
- Focus resources effectively, reducing waste and overhead
- Support a fair payment model
- Deliver cost-effective care
- Compare PPR rates by provider, service line or hospital
- Build patient satisfaction

Easy integration

The 3M PPR Grouping Software is delivered through flexible batch processing tools, including the **3M™ Grouper Plus Content Services** and the **3M™ Core Grouping Software**. Output can be integrated into a database application or information system.

The 3M PPR Software is part of a larger suite of tools that measure potentially preventable events. It is complemented by the **3M™ Potentially Preventable Complications (PPC) Software**, for identifying preventable inpatient complications, and the **3M™ Population-focused Preventables Software**, which addresses potentially avoidable hospital admissions, ancillary services and ED visits.

Product features

- Grouping results show:
 - Hospitalizations considered to be PPRs
 - Readmissions not flagged as PPRs
 - Reason codes that describe why a readmission was or was not preventable
- Creates an ASCII-formatted output file, which can then be sent for reporting and analysis
- Generates analysis across or within hospitals
- Optional functionality identifies outliers and streamlines data aggregation
- Identifies readmissions for patients with serious mental and behavioral health conditions
- Includes timely software updates and expert support to assist payers with implementation

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