Transitioning to Post-Acute Care:

The Patient Journey

A change in care setting from acute to post-acute is one of the most vulnerable times in the patient journey.

That's why it's important for care providers to master their care transition process to drive better outcomes, earn more referrals, and maintain a healthy census.

A new patient transition study¹ reveals that many healthcare organizations still struggle with the seamless exchange of information.



The Hard Reality

SNF Providers Face Today

40% of patients over 65 have medication errors after

leaving the hospital²



Medicare patients discharged from a hospital were readmitted within the first 30 days²

Four Ways to Overcome Gaps in Transitions with Technology



Coordination

Improve coordination with other providers in your network with data sharing



Visibility Gain full visibility

into your patient prior to admission



Finances

Understand the full financial impact of your potential residents



Relationships

Form strong relationships with network partners by proving your outcomes

A Care Transition Scenario

Name: Jane Age: 85 Condition: Kidney failure ER Admission: Dialysis infection Comorbidities: Dementia, Hypertension







Hospital staff don't communicate full

appointments) resulting in hours of administrative work. Nurse isn't aware

of important details around previous

Jane arrives at without a discharge

summary or medical history. Nurse

does not have full context into the

necessary pre-admission information.

care or lab work needed.

patient picture (treatments or follow-up

When Jane arrives, her assigned nurse:



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Understands her background

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Immediately gets started on a care plan

Baseline plan completed within the first 48 hours

Jane arrives with a hard copy of pre-admission history



SNF staff already have access to her history



Completes a successful transfer

Nurse must comb through multiple documents, potentially overseeing critical information about medications.

SNF nurse receives a full list of medication prior to Jane's arrival



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Immediately writes orders to pharmacy

SNF admits Jane without proper insurance coverage. Leading to negative impact on census and bottom line.

full financial picture prior to arrival.

SNF understands the

Remains profitable with better understanding of ideal payer-mix

Revenue goals not impacted with costly readmissions

Scenario 1

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Footnotes for citations

1 Technology Use During Transitions of Care (Study) Definitive Healthcare 2019, commissioned by PointClickCare | 2 The National Investment Center for Seniors Housing and Care (NIC)