## Highlighting Tools 3 & 4:

## The Hospital Inventory & Community Inventory Tools

The goal of the <u>Hospital Inventory tool</u> is to know about the readmission reduction efforts that are already underway at your health system or hospital.

## Actions:

- Identify and compile current activities and resources across all departments that are contributing to readmission reduction
- Once you know what resources and efforts already exist, ask about how well coordinated and aligned they are to your main readmission reduction goal

The <u>Community Inventory tool</u> plays a similar role by identifying the resources in the community that your hospital is not aware of and engaging with stakeholders to contribute to your readmission reduction efforts.

## Actions:

- Identify and research all the community efforts taking place for posthospital needs of patients
- Look for clinical, behavioral, and social service agencies who are providing resources and care that you are not aware of

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- This prevents duplicating readmission reduction efforts
- It better guides you in planning whether to <u>enhance/review</u> existing activities or <u>implement</u> new practices

Dr. Boutwell provides both a Hospital and Community Inventory Tool checklist to guide you in identifying departments and units within your hospital and agencies in the community. The inventory charts are provided in the ASPIRE toolkit for your reference, along with additional information.

Keep up your pre-work and let us know if you have any questions!

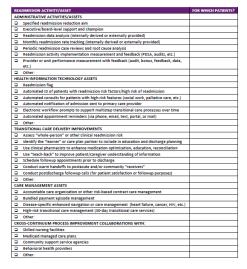


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