Are publicly reported hospital readmission measures applicable to unreported conditions and other patient populations?

**Hospital excess readmission ratios (ERRs) were compared for 3 groups of patients:**

- **Medicare patients with MI, HF or pneumonia (basis for financial penalties)**
  - **CMS**

- **Medicare patients with unreported conditions**
  - **CMS**
  - Underestimated

- **Non-Medicare patients with MI, HF or pneumonia**
  - **CMS**
  - Overestimated

**Among hospitals with higher Medicare publicly-reported ERRs, Medicare unreported ERRs were underestimated and non-Medicare ERRs were overestimated**

**Half of hospitals would have a change in penalty status if it were calculated based on either the Medicare unreported or non-Medicare groups**

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