Reviewer’s report

Title: Identifying Keys to Success in Reducing Readmissions Using the Ideal Transitions in Care Framework

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Comments to authors: The authors take a unique approach to an important topic. This study is useful in organizing improvement strategies according to an established framework identifying which domains of the framework may be most effective.

Discretionary revision

Introduction: “Examine the relationship between both the number of individual domains and the total number of domains....” is not clear. Can this be restated? It seems that you looked at specific domains and total number of domains.

Minor essential revisions

Methods: Not sure why exclusively surgical populations were excluded. Also this was not listed as an exclusion criteria in figure 1, please clarify.

Discussion: The authors adequately identify the weaknesses of the study.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare no competing interests