



3M™ Potentially Preventable Readmissions Grouping Software

- Identifies potentially preventable readmissions using powerful clinical grouping logic
- Allows users to define the readmission interval and the diagnoses to exclude
- Provides a basis for outcomes-based payment and patient safety initiatives
- Enables accurate reporting of readmissions for public report cards

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 related to a prior admission and automatically excludes from consideration those prior admissions for unrelated conditions—such as trauma, cancer and burns.

The result? The 3M PPR Grouping Software provides a detailed picture of the costs and possible causes of readmissions to your facilities.

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 scheduled, 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.

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 any time from 7-30 days of the prior admission, as the



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situation demands. When 3M PPRs are combined with the **3M™ APR DRG Software**, 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.

Better patient safety

Reports from the 3M PPR Grouping Software help managers and clinicians to better coordinate post-hospital care, quickly reconcile medications, schedule follow-up appointments and engage families to support recovering patients. The information can also be used to monitor PPR rates and cost savings.

Key benefits

The 3M PPR Grouping Software uses administrative claims data files—no chart retrieval or abstracting required.

The 3M PPR Grouping Software can be combined with the **3M APR DRG Software** for risk-adjusting readmission data for case mix and severity of illness. This combination uses the industry-standard **3M™ APR DRG Classification System** as its foundational technology, which 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 clear 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:

- Quickly 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
- Build patient satisfaction

Easy integration

As a module of two flexible batch processing tools—the **3M™ Grouper Plus Content Services** and the **3M™ Grouper Plus System**—output from the 3M PPR Grouping Software can easily be integrated within a database application or information-focused system.

Bundled with the **3M™ Population-Focused Preventables Software** and the **3M™ Potentially Preventable Complications Software**, the 3M PPR Grouping Software becomes part of the **3M™ Potentially Preventable Events Software** package, which expands the scope to include potentially avoidable hospital admissions, complications, 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 health conditions
- Includes timely software updates and expert support to assist payers with implementation

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