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| **TABLE 6 Causes of Readmission Aggregated by Disease Group** | | |
| Disease Group | **N** | **Percent** |
| Ischemic heart disease1 | 4,750 | 9.7 |
| Cardiac dysrhythmia | 2,535 | 5.1 |
| Respiratory diseases2 | 4,565 | 9.4 |
| Diabetes mellitus | 1,161 | 2.4 |
| General symptoms | 1,154 | 2.3 |
| Kidney Disease3 | 3,022 | 6.2 |
| Infections4 | 1470 | 3 |
| Procedures | 765 | 1.6 |
| Cerebrovascular Disease | 690 | 1.4 |
| Hypertension5 | 1059 | 2.2 |

1=ischemic heart disease or acute myocardial infarction or diseases of the endocardium

2=chest or respiratory symptoms or pneumonia or chronic bronchitis or diseases of the lung

3=acute kidney failure or disorders of urinary tract or hypertensive chronic kidney disease or electrolyte/acid-base abnormalities

4=septicemia or cellulitis/abscess

5=hypertensive heart or hypertensive kidney disease

These readmissions represent 66.9% of all readmissions, i.e. 33.1% of readmissions were for causes represented with a frequency of less than 1%.