

Based on these factors, the following parameters are identified as the top 5 for patient readmission:

1. Admitting Diagnosis

- Importance: Represents the primary reason for hospitalization.
- Completeness and Accuracy: Usually documented early in the hospitalization process.
- Predictive Value: Strong predictor of readmission risk.
- Clinical Judgment: Essential for discharge planning.
- Feasibility: Readily available in medical records.

2. Other Diagnoses

- Importance: Captures secondary diagnoses and comorbidities.
- Completeness and Accuracy: May provide additional insight into patient's health status.
- Predictive Value: Identifies additional risk factors for readmission.
- Clinical Judgment: Essential for comprehensive patient assessment.
- Feasibility: Documented during hospital stay.

3. Past Medical History

- Importance: Relevant medical conditions may impact current health status.
- Completeness and Accuracy: Provides historical context for patient's health.
- Predictive Value: Previous medical conditions may contribute to readmission risk.
- Clinical Judgment: Essential for understanding patient's health background.
- Feasibility: Typically documented in medical records.

4. Discharge Medications

- Importance: Ensures continuity of care post-discharge.
- Completeness and Accuracy: Critical for medication reconciliation and safety.

- Predictive Value: Medication regimen affects post-discharge outcomes.
- Clinical Judgment: Essential for medication management.
- Feasibility: Documented during discharge process.

5. Follow-Up Plan

- Importance: Guides post-discharge care and monitoring.
- Completeness and Accuracy: Specifies necessary follow-up appointments and instructions.
- Predictive Value: Adherence to follow-up plan influences readmission rates.
- Clinical Judgment: Essential for continuity of care.
- Feasibility: Typically included in discharge planning process.

let's consider an example where we have scores for each parameter for a specific patient:

- Score_AdmittingDiagnosis = 8 (out of 10)
- Score_OtherDiagnoses = 7 (out of 10)
- Score_PastMedicalHistory = 6 (out of 10)
- Score_DischargeMedications = 9 (out of 10)
- Score_FollowUpPlan = 8 (out of 10)

Now, using the weights we assigned earlier:

- Weight_AdmittingDiagnosis = 30%
- Weight_OtherDiagnoses = 25%
- Weight_PastMedicalHistory = 20%
- Weight_DischargeMedications = 15%
- Weight_FollowUpPlan = 10%

We can calculate the composite score for this patient as follows:

$$\text{Weighted_Score_AdmittingDiagnosis} = 0.30 * 8 = 2.4$$

Weighted_Score_OtherDiagnoses = $0.25 * 7 = 1.75$

Weighted_Score_PastMedicalHistory = $0.20 * 6 = 1.2$

Weighted_Score_DischargeMedications = $0.15 * 9 = 1.35$

Weighted_Score_FollowUpPlan = $0.10 * 8 = 0.8$

Total Weighted Score = $2.4 + 1.75 + 1.2 + 1.35 + 0.8$

Total Weighted Score = 7.55