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“WOUND INFECTION TOP REASON FOR READMISSION AFTER SURGERY”

TEASE RUNS: 05 (gurney rolling down hospital hallway, surgeons operating)
 Why do patients return to the hospital after undergoing surgery? Find out next.

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INTRO: After undergoing surgery and being discharged from the hospital, the last thing a patient wants is to be readmitted for complications. Hospitals also face financial penalties if readmission rates, including those for surgical complications, are too high. A new study looked at the most common reasons patients return to the hospital after undergoing surgery. Catherine Dolf explains in this week’s JAMA Report.

VIDEO	AUDIO
B-ROLL Patient undergoing surgery, gurney being pushed down hospital hallway	ONE OF THE FIRST QUESTIONS PATIENTS ASK AFTER UNDERGOING SURGERY IS WHEN CAN THEY GO HOME. THEY RARELY THINK ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT A COMPLICATION COULD BRING THEM BACK TO THE HOSPITAL.
SOT/FULL Karl Y. Bilimoria, M.D., M.S., - Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University Super@:10 Runs:06	“Patients simply don’t want to be readmitted to the hospital and they certainly would rather sleep in their own beds rather than a hospital bed.”
B-ROLL	AND HOSPITALS CAN FACE FINANCIAL PENALTIES

<p>Gurney being pushed down hallway, Dr. Bilimoria walking down hall passed sign on wall, patient waiting for room in hallway, graphic</p>	<p>IF READMISSIONS RATES ARE TOO HIGH. DR. KARL BILIMORIA FROM THE FEINBERG SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY AND CO-AUTHORS EXAMINED THE REASONS WHY PATIENTS RETURN TO THE HOSPITAL AFTER UNDERGOING SURGERY. RESEARCHERS LOOKED AT ONE YEAR'S WORTH OF DATA FROM THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS, NATIONAL SURGICAL QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM. THEY FOCUSED ON SIX REPRESENTATIVE OPERATIONS INCLUDING BARIATRIC PROCEDURES, TOTAL HIP OR KNEE REPLACEMENTS AND HYSTERECTOMY.</p>
<p>SOT/FULL Karl Y. Bilimoria, M.D., M.S., - Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University Super@:42 Runs:08</p>	<p>"In the time frame that we studied, roughly 30 days after the surgery we found that about 5.7 percent of patients were readmitted to the hospital."</p>
<p>B-ROLL Various shots of surgery</p>	<p>READMISSION RATES RANGED FROM ABOUT 4 PERCENT FOR A HYSTERECTOMY TO ABOUT 15 PERCENT FOR VASCULAR BYPASS SURGERY OF THE LEGS.</p>
<p>SOT/FULL Karl Y. Bilimoria, M.D., M.S., - Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University Super@:57 Runs:03</p>	<p>"The number one reason overall was wound infections."</p>
<p>GXF FULL JAMA COVER</p>	<p>THE STUDY APPEARS IN JAMA, JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.</p>
<p>SOT/FULL Karl Y. Bilimoria, M.D., M.S., - Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University Super@1:04 Runs:10 (Video covering middle of bite: nurse going into patient room and pulling the curtain)</p>	<p>"The second most common reason was also fairly similar across all of the operations and that really was prolonged return of bowel function or their inability to eat right after the surgery."</p>
<p>B-ROLL Gurney being pushed down hallway</p>	<p>DR. BILIMORIA SAYS THESE ARE ALL EXPECTED COMPLICATIONS OF SURGERY BUT DEVELOP</p>

	AFTER, NOT BEFORE, PATIENTS LEAVE THE HOSPITAL.
SOT/FULL Karl Y. Bilimoria, M.D., M.S., - Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University Super@1:20 Runs:18 (Video covering middle of bite: pan from sign down to nurses station)	“And that will really help hospitals understand where to focus their efforts if they are to reduce readmissions. It also gives policy makers some information about how to craft readmission reduction programs going forward particularly for surgery because the reasons for why patients are coming back to the hospital really relates to expected complications.”
B-ROLL Nurses walking in hallway	CATHERINE DOLF, THE JAMA REPORT.

TAG: THERE WAS ALSO NO SPECIFIC TIME FRAME FOR WHEN PATIENTS RETURNED TO THE HOSPITAL AFTER SURGERY. READMISSIONS, WHETHER BEFORE OR AFTER SEVEN DAYS, WERE STILL ASSOCIATED WITH WOUND INFECTION OR PROBLEMS WITH BOWEL FUNCTION AND NUTRITION.

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“There wasn’t a real peak in when patients came back to the hospital and that really suggests that we can’t really have a follow up visit at day seven for example and just say if we see them at day seven that’ll prevent any of the readmissions because some of those problems don’t become evident until day eight.”

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“When it comes to pay-for-performance policy, it may not be an ideal metric to judge hospitals because the reasons for why patients come back after surgery are due to expected complications.”