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Reference: VHI 2015 Cardiac Care Mortality and Readmission Report

At Sentara Northern Virginia Medical Center (SNVMC), we pride ourselves on providing excellent care to all of our patients. SNVMC consistently monitors our patient care processes to ensure that we are using evidence-based care.

The diagnostic catheterization mortalities and the PCI readmission rate were thoroughly reviewed. Upon review of the two mortalities, SNVMC's findings indicate that mortality was an expected outcome of these patients based on the specifics of their diagnoses and the complexity of their health problems. Additionally, a majority of the patients who were readmitted were appropriately readmitted due to acute comorbid conditions and none were readmitted because of a procedure-related outcome.

SNVMC voluntarily participates in the American College of Cardiology's (ACC) National Cardiology Database Registry (NCDR) Action Registry and CathPCI Registry. The ACC-NCDR registries provide the most widely accepted and most comprehensive measure of cardiac quality currently available.

By voluntarily participating in the ACC-NCDR database registries, SNVMC gains insight into how we compare to other heart programs across the nation. According to the 2015 CathPCI Registry data, SNVMC performed better than 80% of other hospitals for risk-adjusted PCI mortality. SNVMC relies heavily on the comprehensiveness of the ACC-NCDR databases in monitoring our outcomes and on the associated risk adjustment incorporated into the data. The VHI data does not reflect the comprehensiveness of the ACC databases.

Finally, Sentara Healthcare has established a system-wide Cardiac High Performance Team which monitors the performance of cardiac care within all Sentara hospitals on a monthly basis with a focus to standardize evidence-based practices to improve quality, safety and service which produces consistent excellent outcomes for the patients we serve.

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