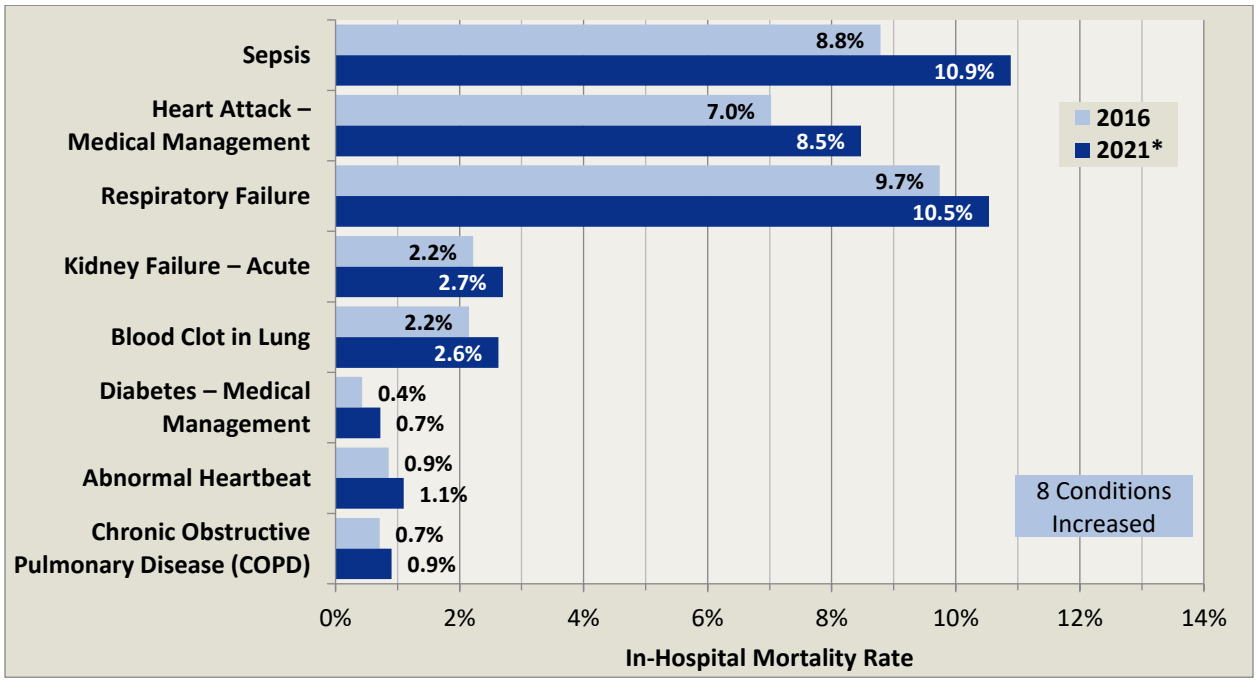
The *2021 Hospital Performance Report* released by the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council (PHC4) provides information about the performance of Pennsylvania hospitals for thirteen common medical conditions. Reported are hospital-specific mortality and 30-day readmission ratings as well as volume of cases and hospital charges for patients discharged from Pennsylvania's acute care hospitals from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021, which is federal fiscal year (FFY) 2021. Changes in statewide rates across time are also examined.

In-Hospital Mortality Rates

Eight conditions showed statistically significant increases in in-hospital mortality rates from FFY 2016 to FFY 2021. None of the reported conditions showed a statistically significant decrease in in-hospital mortality rates. The mortality rate was not reported for one condition, Chest Pain, due to low statewide mortality.



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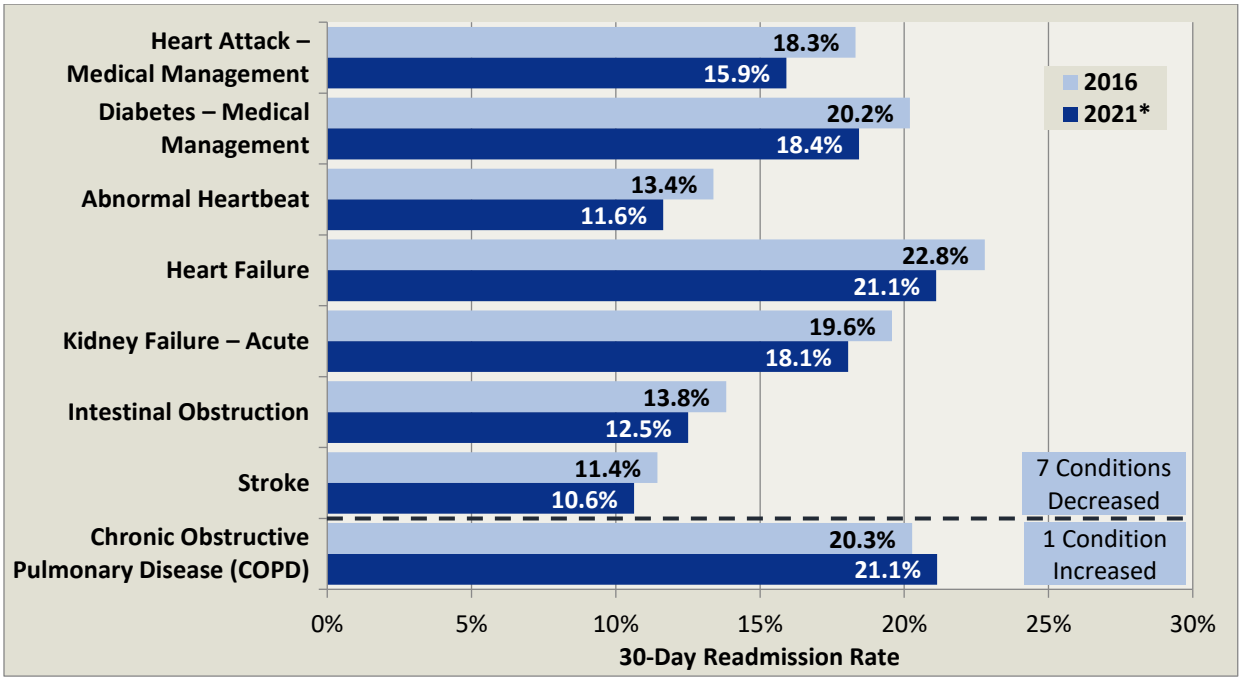
30-Day Readmission Rates

One condition showed a statistically significant increase in the 30-day readmission rate from FFY 2016 to FFY 2021. Seven conditions showed statistically significant decreases in 30-day readmission rates.



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Again this year, the report excludes the conditions *Pneumonia – Aspiration* and *Pneumonia – Infectious* due to limitations in the methods used to account for high-risk patients hospitalized for pneumonia during the period of the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, cases with a COVID-19 diagnosis were excluded from the report, and readmissions with a diagnosis of COVID-19 were not counted.

The report is available on PHC4's website at www.phc4.org. You can also link to it through social media on Facebook.

PHC4 is an independent state agency charged with collecting, analyzing and reporting information that can be used to improve the quality and restrain the cost of health care in Pennsylvania.