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### Commentary

**To improve our patients’ health, look beyond reducing readmissions**

Focusing on the readmission rate diverts attention from more proactive ways to improve safety, quality, and value.

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