

Admission & Discharge Planning Process - Phase 2

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As part of the ABC Admission and Discharge Planning Process Project, standardized regional processes and tools were developed to enable sites to proactively coordinate the admission and discharge process. This involved the development and pilot of a Regional Discharge Planning process and Guide containing definitions, a discharge planning model, principles, guidelines, identification of roles and responsibilities of interdisciplinary clinical team members related to discharge planning including assignment of a discharge leader, indicators for high risk discharge and a Transitional Discharge checklist to be used for appropriate patients. A pilot of the process, conducted for a 4 – 6 week period at 6 sites, provided insufficient feedback to advance to full roll out.

To achieve enhanced effective utilization management, it is essential that the tools from the Admission and Discharge Planning Process Project be enhanced and implemented across all sites. This next phase of the project will involve an extended pilot project to review and modify the tools and processes previously developed. The purpose of this project is to implement the refined Discharge Planning process and tools at all acute care sites in the region.