

5/7- From NYC to Long Island: Strong Practices and Innovation for Improving Post-Acute Care

Speaker Bios:

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Don is responsible for the implantation of the new REC ICC structure within VISN 2 including programs previously under GEC, PM&R, and SCI.

Questions:

1. How challenging is it to get post COVID patients placed in the community? Are we keeping more folks within the VA system b/c of difficulties in the community?
2. What specific challenges have you encountered with discharging patients from the Hospital? (Transportation, test, increased demand for dialysis)
3. Are we doing early rehab, PT/OT, are we doing more virtual care in this realm?
4. How are we managing HBPC or extended care in the home? How do we balance the risk to at-risk, frail Veterans at home vs the need to perform some F2F care?