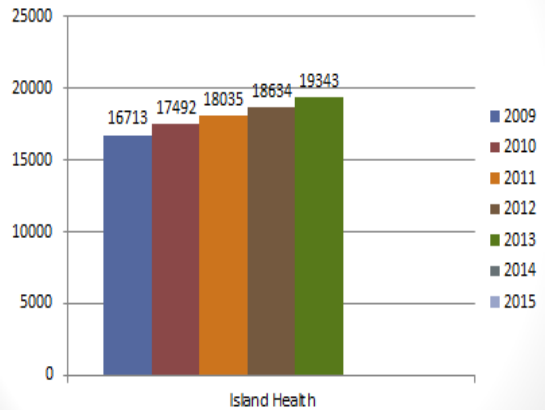


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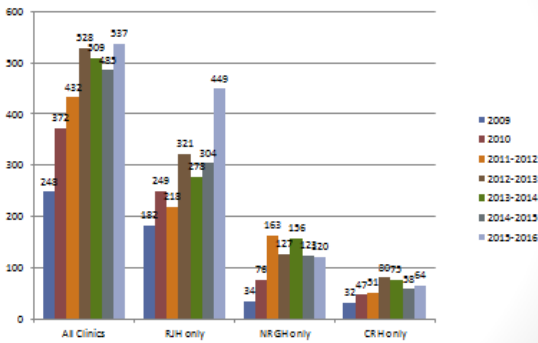
Heart failure is a serious condition, carrying with it an annual mortality rate that is worse than almost any cancer. As our population ages, and as hypertension, ischemia and OSA take their toll, the prevalence of HF rises. Physicians can be challenged by the time needed to deal with education, complex diagnostics, drug and device protocols, monitoring of co-morbid conditions and end-of-life discussions. Since 2009, NRGH-HFC has proven the value of a multidisciplinary approach to HF, succeeding not only in improving heart strength and function, but in reducing ER presentations and inpatient lengths of stay. We help patients (and family members) understand and cope with this challenging presentation in the home environment. We do involve the Palliative Care Team for patients whose prognosis is short. We value our partnership with Family Practice, and return optimized patients to their care. We hope you will support NRGH-HFC and help us give best care to this unique population.

NRGH – HFC
 Physicians: Dr. Baillie and Dr. Lang
 Nurses: Honeylette and Madelene

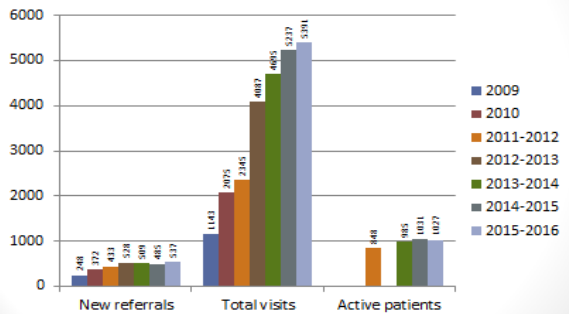
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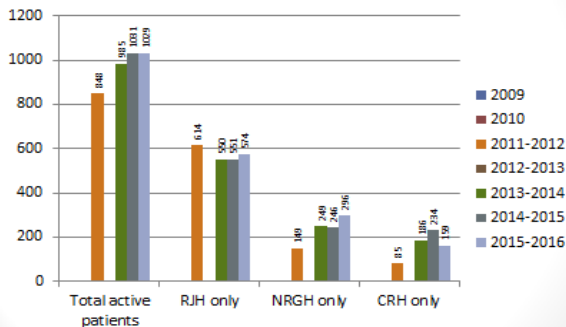
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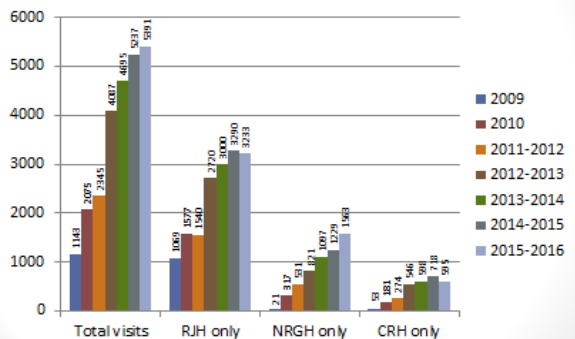
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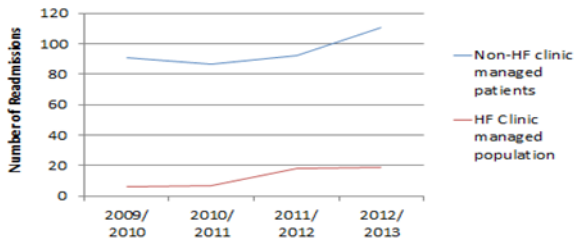


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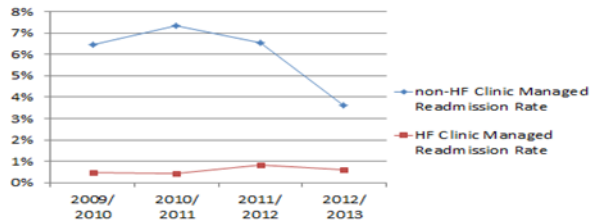


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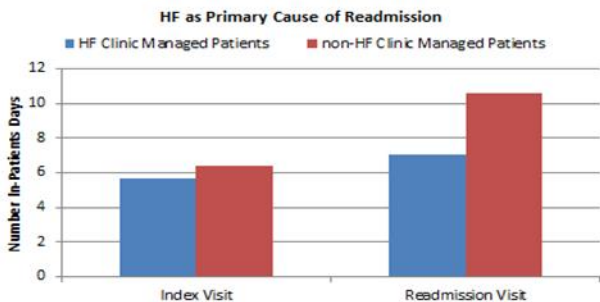
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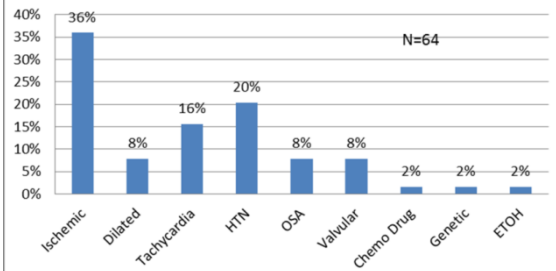
HF Clinic Managed vs. non-HF Clinic Managed Patients: HF-Specific Readmission Rates



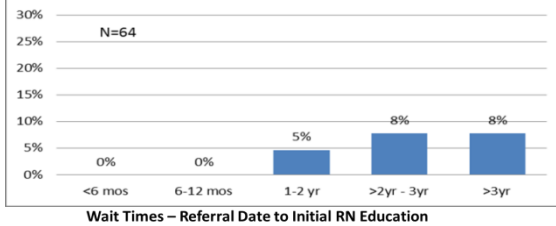
Average LOS (in-patient days) of Readmitted HF Patients



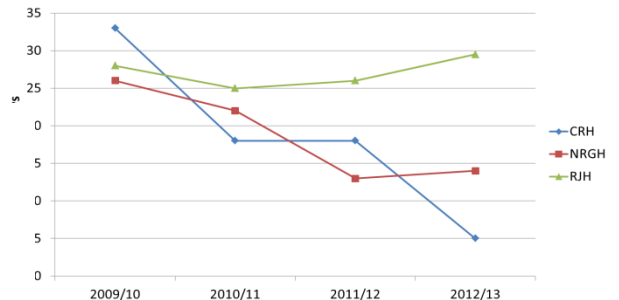
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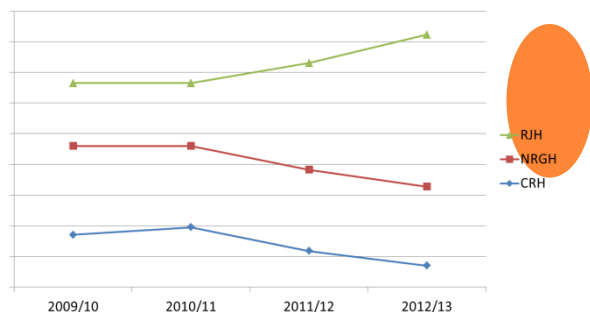
HF related admission since they have been in HFC



Wait Times - Referral Date to Initial RN Education



Wait Times - Referral Date to Initial HF Physician Consult



Patient Testimony

"I am grateful for the HFC and the follow up they do. I am also lucky to have a nurse to call if I have any questions or concerns" - L. Douglas

"I am very grateful for the wonderful and best care I received at the HFC" - F. O'Neill

Magnitude of Difference in Acute Care Utilization

	RJH N=211		NRGH N=55	
	Significant Difference (One-tailed paired t-test, p < 0.05)		Significant Difference (One-tailed paired t-test, p < 0.05)	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
HF related ED visits	✓		✓	
HF related ED to IP visits	✓		✓	
HF related direct IP visits	✓		No Direct IP visits	No Direct IP visits
HF related accumulated in-patient days (LOS)	✓		✓	
All cause ED visits		✓		✓
All cause ED to IP visits		✓		✓
All cause direct IP visits		✓		✓
All cause accumulated in-patient days (LOS)		✓		✓