

Imagine two patients, both discharged to their home after being treated at a hospital.

Mary is an elderly woman with congestive heart failure and mild cognitive impairment, whose strong support network is available to help cook, clean, and drive her to follow-up appointments with doctors. However, her network is only available to help a couple hours each day.

The other patient, Tom, was discharged home with his wife after a colostomy without supplies, and he was unsure how to empty or change his bag.

If you had to guess, which one would you say was readmitted to the hospital?

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