

An Introduction to the VPS Discharge Delay Tool

See how much money you could save by reducing discharge delays. By using nurses per patient as a proxy for overall costs, explore different discharge delay reduction scenarios.

How to Use It

1. On your VPS Portal Home screen, click on the Discharge Delay button.



Discharge Delay

Investigate your discharge delay.

2. Enter a representative hourly intensive care nurse cost. This field is pre-populated with an average rate based on US data. You can use the mean or median pay rate in your unit, and include related costs such as healthcare, overtime, etc.

What is your mean hourly cost per ICU nurse?

How many patients per nurse?

 patients

3. Select a time period (tip: use your last fiscal year to get a historical annual estimate)

Start Date:

End Date:

4. Select a reduction scenario

Percentage Reduction

Reduce the discharge delay of all patients by %.

Currently Selected

*Enter a number
(e.g. 5, 17.5, etc.)*

No Discharge Delays Above the VPS Comparative Mean

Sets any discharge delay above the VPS Comparative mean to the mean.

Switch to this analysis

*Static mean for
selected period*

5. Hit the “Run Analysis” button

How It Works

The total number of hours that are eliminated are multiplied by the nursing pay and patients per nurse values you provided to calculate your unit’s estimated savings. Scroll down to explore which diagnoses, dispositions and age groups had the highest discharge delays.

Your Next Step

Download or print your analysis to share with your team!