According to Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) scores, patient discharge is a key area for improvement in hospitals, with a large portion of patients who received discharge instructions reporting that they didn’t understand them. Language barriers, health literacy status, and lack of coordination between hospitals and primary care all complicate the transition of patients from the hospital to their homes.

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