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## **Skilled nursing facility services**

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## **Most common diagnoses in skilled nursing facilities**

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The most common diagnosis for a skilled nursing facility (SNF) admission in 2007 was a major joint and limb reattachment procedure of the lower extremity, typically a hip or knee replacement (Table 3A-A1). The 10 most frequent conditions accounted for fewer than one-third

of all SNF admissions. Freestanding, hospital-based, for-profit, and nonprofit facilities each had the same top 10 diagnoses, with the same rank orderings of the conditions. Hospital-based facilities had double the share of major joint procedures compared with freestanding facilities. ■

**TABLE  
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**Ten most common diagnoses accounted for fewer than a third of Medicare admissions in 2007**

<b>DRG</b>	<b>Diagnosis related group of the preceding hospital stay</b>	<b>Share of SNF admissions</b>
544	Major joint and limb reattachment of lower extremity	5.5%
127	Heart failure and shock	3.6
089	Simple pneumonia and pleurisy, age >17, with CC	3.4
576	Septicemia without mechanical ventilation 96+ hours, age > 17	2.9
210	Hip and femur procedures except major joint, age > 17, with CC	2.9
320	Kidney and urinary tract infection, age > 17, with CC	2.5
14	Intracranial hemorrhage and stroke with infarction	2.4
316	Renal failure	2.2
462	Rehabilitation	1.9
296	Nutritional and miscellaneous metabolic disorders, age > 17, with CC	1.9
	<b>Total</b>	<b>29.3</b>

Note: DRG (diagnosis related group), SNF (skilled nursing facility), CC (complication or comorbidity). The diagnosis is the DRG from the preceding hospital stay and is based on the discharge diagnosis.

Source: MedPAC analysis of 2007 DataPRO file from CMS.