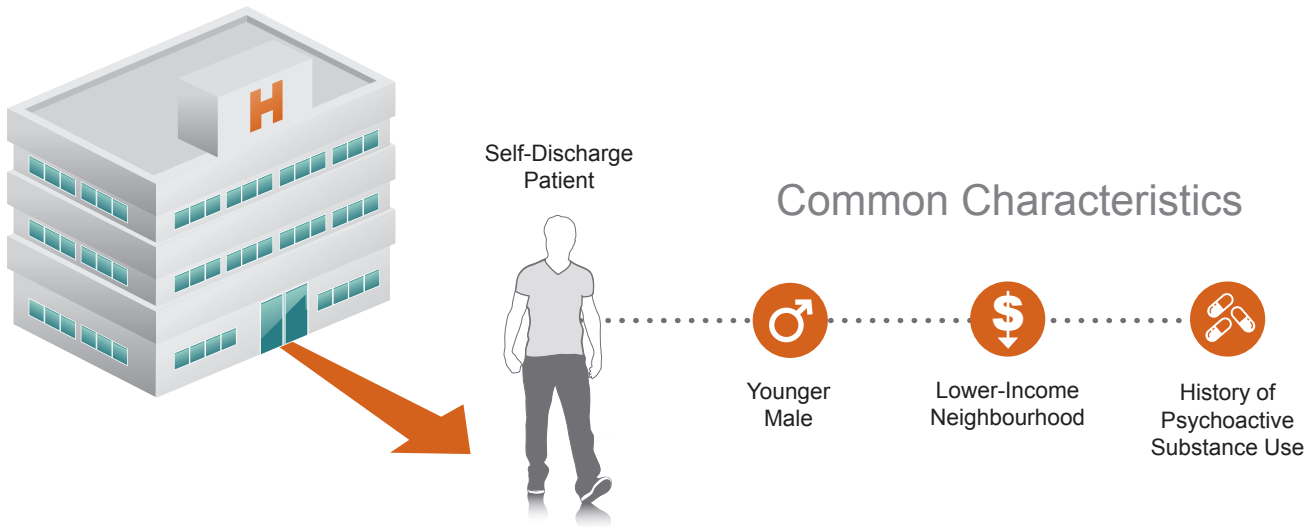


Leaving Against Medical Advice

Characteristics Associated With Self-Discharge

Each year, thousands of patients (more than 1%) leave Canadian acute care hospitals earlier than their physician and care team recommend. Research shows they are at increased risk of adverse health outcomes and are more likely to return to the hospital, often for the same diagnosis.



System Implications



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