## Stepping Down

The Path of Improvement Leads to Sustainability

Each treatment path starts with similar severity.



The first step to Outpatient is uphill.

First Outpatient Step Admission Severity\* 0.85 - 0.92

Inpatient
Discharge Severity\*
0.61 - 0.64

Each treatment path leaves Inpatient

Final Outpatient Step Discharge Severity\* 0.56 - 0.61

Each treatment path ends with similar severity.

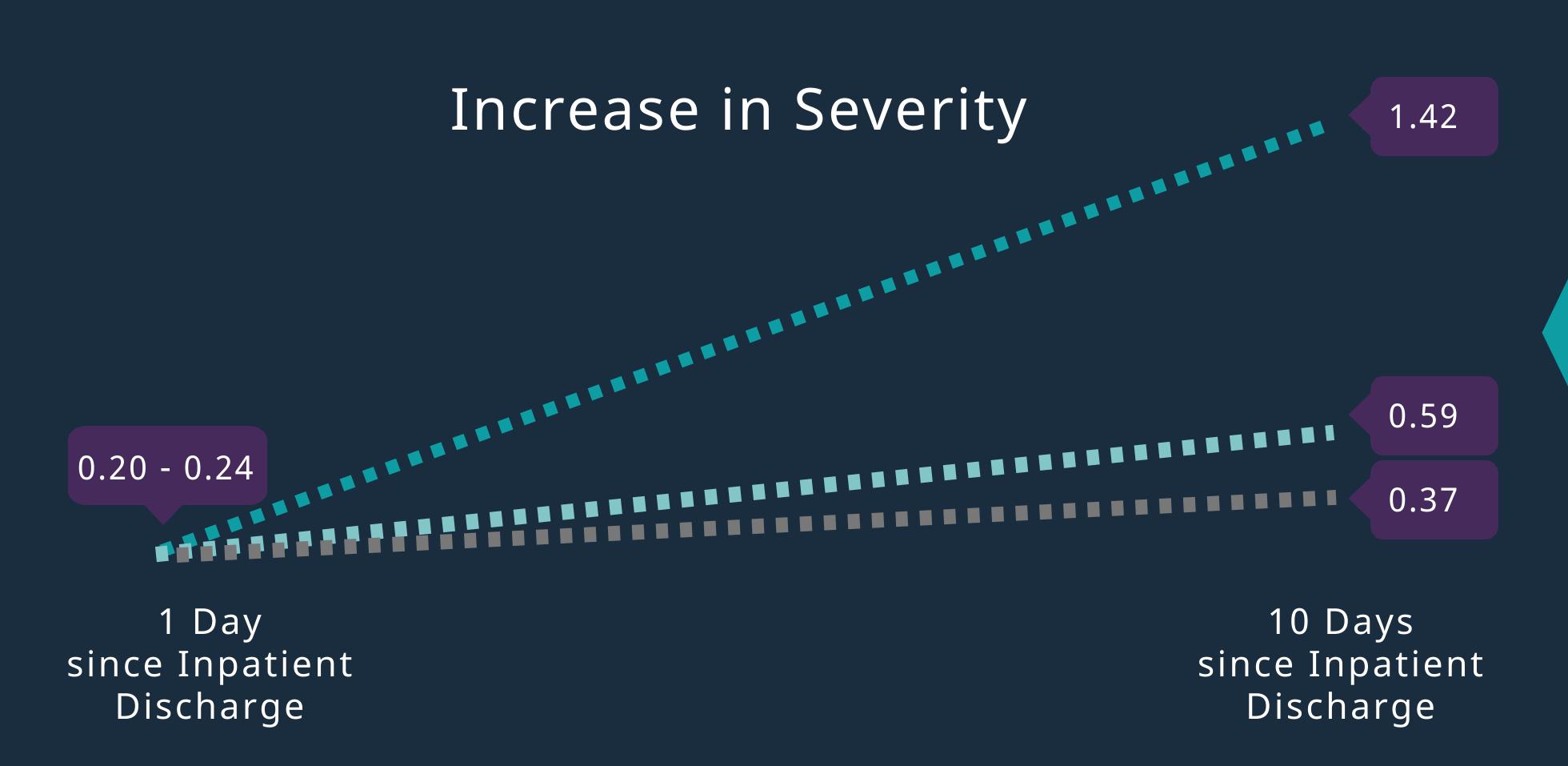
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with similar severity.

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IP-IOP Path

## Shorter Time Means Shorter Climb



Outpatient admission severity increases the longer it takes for a patient to make that first step.

Step-down paths help patients maintain gains made in Inpatient care.

Step-down helps patients transition between the structured Inpatient environment and the real world.

\*The BASIS-32 is scored on a scale of 0 to 4, where higher scores indicate greater severity. BASIS-32 change scores range from -4 to 4, where positive scores indicate improvement, and higher positive scores indicate greater improvement.

There is a step-down "bounce" - patients experience an increase in severity between Inpatient discharge and Outpatient admission.

Encourage patients to participate in step-down soon, to help them transition.



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