

## Characteristics of Rating Systems

Rating System Characteristics	CMS Overall Star Ratings	US News and World Reports Best Hospitals	Healthgrades America's Best Hospitals	Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades	Commonwealth Fund Scorecard on State Health System Performance	Maryland Health Care Quality Reports
<b>Description</b>	The CMS overall star rating is a summary metric for overall hospital performance. The rating is based on 59 measures across 7 different categories of quality.	US News and World Reports ranks and compares hospitals across 16 specialties and 9 common conditions and procedures.	Healthgrades America's Best Hospitals rates hospitals based on clinical quality outcomes for 32 conditions and procedures.	Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades assigns a single letter grade representing hospital performance in patient safety. The grade is based on 15 structural/process measures and 13 outcome measures.	The Commonwealth Fund Assesses states on 47 indicators of health care access, quality, costs, and outcomes.	The Maryland Health Care Quality Reports is a consumer based website that reports on performance, consumer ratings and other quality-related information for hospitals, a variety of long term care settings, health plans, and ambulatory surgery centers.
<b>Focus of Rating System</b>						N/a
Overall performance	x				x	
Patient safety				x		
Condition/procedure based		x	x			
Specialty based		x				
Other indicators					x	
<b>Type and Level of Rating</b>	Star rating	Rankings	Top 250	Letter grade	Overall ranking	N/a
Facility	x	x	x	x		x
Regional		x			x	
Statewide		x			x	
National		x	x	x	x	
<b>Reporting Frequency</b>						
Quarterly						x
Biannual	x			x		
Annual		x	x		x	
<b>Types of Measures</b>						
Structural/Process Measures	x	x		x	x	x
Patient satisfaction (HCAHPS)	x	x	x	x		x
<b>Outcome Measures</b>						
Common conditions and procedures	x	x	x		x	x
Rare conditions and procedures		x			x	
Hospital Acquired Conditions	x			x		x
Healthcare Associated Infections	x			x	x	x
Patient Safety Indicators	x	x	x	x		x
Readmissions	x	x			x	x
Mortality	x	x	x		x	x
Hospital Volume		x				x
Measures for non-hospital settings					x	x
<b>Data Sources</b>						
CMS Hospital Compare	x	x		x	x	x
CDC NHSN HAI data	x			x	x	x
Administrative data (e.g., MedPAR, SAF)	x	x	x	x	x	x
AHA Annual Survey		x		x	x	
Proprietary data		x		x		
All other data sources	x	x		x	x	x