



Accreditation Quality Report





Welcome to the Joint Commission's Quality Report. We know how important reliable information is to you and your family when making health care decisions. This Quality Report will help you make the right decisions to meet your needs. Since 1951, the Joint Commission has been the national leader in setting standards for health care organizations. When a health care organization seeks accreditation, it demonstrates commitment to giving safe, high quality health care and to continually working to improve that care.

The Quality Report is only one way to determine whether a health care organization can meet your needs. Discuss this report with your doctor or with other professional acquaintances before making a care decision. In addition to the accreditation status of the organization, the Quality Report uses checks, pluses, and minuses in each of the following key areas to help you compare a health care organization with similar accredited organizations.

- National Patient Safety Goals - safety guidelines that target the prevention of medical errors such as surgery on the wrong side of the body and safe medication use.
- National Quality Improvement Goals - measures the care of patients with specific conditions such as heart failure or pregnancy.

Not all measures are relevant to or available for all types of health care organizations. The Joint Commission will add relevant measures of health care quality as more measures become available. Your comments are just as important to us. The content and format of the Quality Report will be updated from time to time based on changes in the health care industry and your suggestions. Please call Customer Service at 630-792-5800 or e-mail the Joint Commission at qualityreport@jointcommission.org with your comments and suggestions.

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President of the Joint Commission



Summary of Quality Information

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Accreditation Programs	Accreditation Decision	Effective Date	Last Full Survey Date	Last On-Site Survey Date
Hospital	Accredited	2/11/2016	2/10/2016	4/21/2017

Accreditation programs recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

Hospital

Other Accredited Programs/Services

- Hospital (Accredited by UHMS Clinical Hyperbaric Facility - Level 2)
- Hospital (Accredited by American College of Surgeons-Commission on Cancer (ACoS-COC))

Special Quality Awards

2012 Gold Plus Get With The Guidelines - Stroke

		Compared to other Joint Commission Accredited Organizations	
		Nationwide	Statewide
Hospital	2017 National Patient Safety Goals		*
	National Quality Improvement Goals:		
Reporting Period: Apr 2017 - Mar 2018	Emergency Department	²	²
	Immunization	²	²



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Northwest Hospital

DBA: Northwest Hospital,
5401 Old Court Road, Randallstown, MD

Org ID: 6294



Locations of Care




* Primary Location

Locations of Care	Available Services
Northwest Hospital * DBA: Northwest Hospital 5401 Old Court Road Randallstown, MD 21133	Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behavioral Health (24-hour Acute Care/Crisis Stabilization - Adult) • Cardiac Catheterization Lab (Surgical Services) • Cardiovascular Unit (Inpatient) • Community Integration (Non 24 Hour Care) • Coronary Care Unit (Inpatient) • CT Scanner (Imaging/Diagnostic Services) • Dialysis Unit (Inpatient) • Ear/Nose/Throat Surgery (Surgical Services) • EEG/EKG/EMG Lab (Imaging/Diagnostic Services) • Gastroenterology (Surgical Services) • Gynecological Surgery (Surgical Services) • Hematology/Oncology Unit (Inpatient) • Inpatient Unit (Inpatient) • Interventional Radiology (Imaging/Diagnostic Services) • Magnetic Resonance Imaging (Imaging/Diagnostic Services) • Medical /Surgical Unit (Inpatient) • Medical ICU (Intensive Care Unit) • Neurosurgery (Surgical Services) • Nuclear Medicine (Imaging/Diagnostic Services) • Ophthalmology (Surgical Services) • Orthopedic Surgery (Surgical Services) • Orthopedic/Spine Unit (Inpatient) • Outpatient Clinics (Outpatient) • Plastic Surgery (Surgical Services) • Post Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU) (Inpatient) • Rehabilitation Unit (Inpatient, 24-hour Acute Care/Crisis Stabilization) • Sleep Laboratory (Sleep Laboratory) • Surgical ICU (Intensive Care Unit) • Surgical Unit (Inpatient) • Teleradiology (Imaging/Diagnostic Services) • Thoracic Surgery (Surgical Services) • Ultrasound (Imaging/Diagnostic Services) • Urology (Surgical Services) • Vascular Surgery (Surgical Services)



















2017 National Patient Safety Goals

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Hospital

Safety Goals	Organizations Should	Implemented
Improve the accuracy of patient identification.	Use of Two Patient Identifiers	
	Eliminating Transfusion Errors	
Improve the effectiveness of communication among caregivers.	Timely Reporting of Critical Tests and Critical Results	
Improve the safety of using medications.	Labeling Medications	
	Reducing Harm from Anticoagulation Therapy	
	Reconciling Medication Information	
Reduce the harm associated with clinical alarm systems.	Use Alarms Safely on Medical Equipment	
Reduce the risk of health care-associated infections.	Meeting Hand Hygiene Guidelines	
	Preventing Multi-Drug Resistant Organism Infections	
	Preventing Central-Line Associated Blood Stream Infections	
	Preventing Surgical Site Infections	
	Preventing Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infection	
The organization identifies safety risks inherent in its patient population.	Identifying Individuals at Risk for Suicide	
Universal Protocol	Conducting a Pre-Procedure Verification Process	
	Marking the Procedure Site	
	Performing a Time-Out	



National Quality Improvement Goals

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Measure Area	Explanation	Nationwide	Statewide
Emergency Department	This category of evidence based measures assesses the time patients remain in the hospital Emergency Department prior to inpatient admission.	2	2

Compared to other Joint Commission
Accredited Organizations

Measure	Explanation	Hospital Results	Compared to other Joint Commission Accredited Organizations			
			Nationwide		Statewide	
			Top 10% Scored at Most:	Weighted Median:	Top 10% Scored at Most:	Weighted Median:
Admit Decision Time to ED Departure Time for Admitted Patients	The amount of time (in minutes) it takes from the time the physician decides to admit a patient into the hospital from the Emergency Department until the patient actually leaves the ED to go to the inpatient unit.	2 125.00 minutes 1096 eligible Patients	55.00	135.00	91.56	163.86
Median Time from ED Arrival to ED Departure for Admitted ED Patients	The amount of time (in minutes) from the time the patient arrives in the Emergency Department until the patient is admitted as an inpatient into the hospital.	2 432.00 minutes 1097 eligible Patients	205.00	319.00	308.51	389.88



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Measure Area	Explanation	Nationwide	Statewide
Immunization	This evidence-based prevention measure set assesses immunization activity for pneumonia and influenza.	 2	 2

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Measure	Explanation					
		Hospital Results	Nationwide Top 10% Scored at Least:	Average Rate:	Statewide Top 10% Scored at Least:	Average Rate:
Influenza Immunization	This prevention measure addresses acute care hospitalized inpatients age 6 months and older who were screened for seasonal influenza immunization status and were vaccinated prior to discharge if indicated.	 96% of 575 eligible Patients	100%	94%	100%	94%



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