

Accreditation Quality Report





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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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Summary of Quality Information

Accreditation Programs	Accreditation Decision	Effective Date	Last Full Survey Date	Last On-Site Survey Date
	Accredited	6/25/2011	6/24/2011	6/24/2011
Pathology and Clinical Laboratory	Accredited	8/15/2009	8/11/2011	8/11/2011

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

Pathology and Clinical Laboratory Hospital

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		Nationwide	Statewide
Hospital	2011National Patient Safety Goals	Ø	∞ *
	National Quality Improvement Goals:		
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Apr 2010 - Mar 2011	Heart Failure Care	Θ	Θ
	Pneumonia Care	Θ	Θ
	Surgical Care Improvement Project (SCIP)		
	SCIP - Cardiac SCIP - Infection Prevention For All Reported Procedures:	Ø	Ø
	Colon/Large Intestine Surgery	Ø	Ø
	Hip Joint Replacement	Ø	Ø
	Hysterectomy	Ø	Ø
	Knee Replacement	⊕	⊕
	SCIP – Venous Thromboembolism (VTE)		
Pathology and Clinical Laboratory	2009National Patient Safety Goals	Ø	*

Hospitals voluntarily participate in the Survey of Patients' Hospital Experiences (HCAHPS). Pediatric and psychiatric hospitals are not eligible to participate in the HCAHPS survey based on their patient population.

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Locations of Care

* Primary Location Locations of Care	Available	Services
Northern Hospital District of Surry County * 830 Rockford Street Mount Airy, NC 27030	 Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (Inpatient, Outpatient) CT Scanner (Inpatient, Outpatient) EEG/EKG/EMG Lab (Inpatient, Outpatient) Emergency Room (Outpatient) Family Practice (Inpatient) Gastroenterology (Inpatient, Outpatient) General Laboratory Tests General Medical Services (Inpatient, Outpatient) General Surgery (Inpatient, Outpatient) Gl or Endoscopy Lab (Inpatient, Outpatient) Gynecology (Inpatient, Outpatient) Hematology/Blood Treatment (Inpatient, Outpatient) Imaging/Radiology (Inpatient, Outpatient) Intensive Care Unit (Inpatient) Internal Medicine (Inpatient) Labor & Delivery (Inpatient) Lithotripsy/Kidney Stone Treatment (Inpatient, Outpatient) Magnetic Resonance Imaging (Inpatient, Outpatient) Neurology (Inpatient) Neurology (Inpatient) Nuclear Medicine (Inpatient, Outpatient) Nursery (Inpatient) 	 Obstetrics (Inpatient, Outpatient) Occupational Health (Outpatient) Operating Room (Inpatient, Outpatient) Ophthalmology/Eye Surgery (Outpatient) Orthopedic Surgery (Inpatient Outpatient) Otolaryngology/Ear, Nose, and Throat (Outpatient) Outpatient Surgery (Outpatient, Outpatient) Pediatric Care (Inpatient, Outpatient) Post Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU) (Inpatient, Outpatient) Pulmonary Function Lab (Inpatient, Outpatient) Rehabilitation and Physical Medicine (Inpatient, Outpatient) Respiratory Care (Ventilator) (Inpatient) Respite Care (Inpatient) Skilled Nursing Facility (Inpatient) Skeep Center (Outpatient) Telemetry (Inpatient) Toxicology Ultrasound (Inpatient, Outpatient) Toxicology Ultrasound (Inpatient, Outpatient) Urology (Inpatient, Outpatient, Outpatient) Wound Care (Inpatient, Outpatient)
Northern Hospital Laboratory at Surry Medical Specialists 708 S South Street, Suite 200 Mount Airy, NC 27030	General Laboratory Tests	
Northern Hospital Laboratory at Majure Skin Care & Wellness 348 N South Street Mount Airy, NC 27030	General Laboratory Tests	
Northern Hospital Laboratory at Mount Airy OB/GYN Center 510 S. South Street Mount Airy, NC 27030	General Laboratory Tests	

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Northern Hospital Laboratory at Northwest Medical Partners 280 North Pointe Blvd. Mount Airy, NC 27030	General Laboratory Tests
Northern Hospital Laboratory at Surry Urological Associates 423 S. South St. Mount Airy, NC 27030	General Laboratory Tests
Northern Hospital of Surry County Breast Imaging Center 510 S. South Street Mount Airy, NC 27030	General Outpatient Services (Outpatient)
Northern Pediatrics 100 North Pointe Boulevard Mount Airy, NC 27030	 General Laboratory Tests Single Specialty Group Practice (Outpatient)
Northern Rehab at Blue Ridge Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine 708 S. South Street Mount Airy, NC 27030	General Outpatient Services (Outpatient)
Northern Rehab at North State Bone & Joint Center 314 S. South Street Mount Airy, NC 27030	 General Laboratory Tests General Outpatient Services (Outpatient)
The Wound Care Center at Northern Hospital 314 South Street , Suite 200 Mount Airy, NC 27030	 General Laboratory Tests General Outpatient Services (Outpatient)

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2011 National Patient Safety Goals

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Safety Goals	Organizations Should	Implemented
Improve the accuracy of patient identification.	Use of Two Patient Identifiers	Ø
	Eliminating Transfusion Errors	Ø
Improve the effectiveness of communication among caregivers.	Timely Reporting of Critical Tests and Critical Results	Ø
Improve the safety of using medications.	Labeling Medications	Ø
	Reducing Harm from Anticoagulation Therapy	Ø
Reduce the risk of health care-associated infections.	Meeting Hand Hygiene Guidelines	Ø
	Preventing Multi-Drug Resistant Organism Infections	Ø
	Preventing Central-Line Associated Blood Stream Infections	Ø
	Preventing Surgical Site Infections	Ø Ø Ø
Accurately and completely reconcile medications across the continuum of care.	Comparing Current and Newly Ordered Medications	Ø
	Communicating Medications to the Next Provider	Ø
	Providing a Reconciled Medication List to the Patient	Ø
	Settings in Which Medications are Minimally Used	Ø Ø
The organization identifies safety risks inherent in its patient population.	Identifying Individuals at Risk for Suicide	Ø
Universal Protocol	Conducting a Pre-Procedure Verification Process	Ø
	Marking the Procedure Site	Ø
	Performing a Time-Out	Ø

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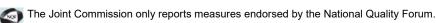
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Measure Area Explanation Nationwide Statewide

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Measure	Explanation	Hospital	Vationwide	Average	Top 10%	wide
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ACE inhibitor or ARB for LVSD*	Heart attack patients who receive either a prescription for a medicine called an "ACE inhibitor" or a medicine called an angiotensin receptor blocker (ARB) when they are discharged from the hospital. This measure reports what percent of heart attack patients who have problems with the heart pumping enough blood to the body were prescribed medicines to improve the heart's ability to pump blood.	100% of 5 eligible Patients ³	100%	97%	100%	98%
Adult smoking cessation advice/counseling*	Heart attack patients who are given advice about stopping smoking while they are in the hospital. This measure reports what percent of adult heart attack patients are provided advice and/or counseling to quit smoking. Smoking harms the heart, lungs and blood vessels and makes existing heart disease worse. Limitations of measure use - see Accreditation Quality Report User Guide.	€	100%	100%	100%	100%
Aspirin at arrival*	Heart attack patients receiving aspirin when arriving at the hospital. This measure reports what percent of heart attack patients receive aspirin within 24 hours before or after they arrive at the hospital. Aspirin is beneficial because it reduces the tendency of blood to clot in blood vessels of the heart and improves survival rates.	100% of 15 eligible Patients ³	100%	99%	100%	99%



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Measure	Explanation	Hospital Results	Top 10% Scored at Least:	Average Rate:	Top 10% Scored at Least:	Average Rate:
Aspirin prescribed at discharge*	Heart attack patients who receive a prescription for aspirin when being discharged from the hospital. This measure reports how often aspirin was prescribed to heart attack patients when they are leaving a hospital. Aspirin is beneficial because it reduces the tendency of blood to clot in blood vessels of the heart and improves survival rates.	88% of 8 eligible Patients ³	100%	99%	100%	99%
Beta blocker prescribed at discharge*	Heart attack patients who have a medicine called a "beta blocker" prescribed when they are discharged from the hospital. This measure reports what percent of heart attack patients were prescribed a special type of medicine when leaving the hospital, that has been shown to reduce further heart damage.	100% of 9 eligible Patients ³	100%	99%	100%	99%



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Fibrinolytic therapy received within 30 minutes of hospital arrival*	Heart attack patients who receive a medicine that breaks up blood clots (fibrinolytic therapy) within 30 minutes of hospital arrival. This measure reports how quickly heart attack patients were given a medication that breaks up blood clots (fibrinolytic therapy). Breaking up blood clots increases blood flow to the heart. If blood flow is returned to the heart muscle quickly during a heart attack, the risk of death is decreased. The medicine that breaks up clots in the arteries and allows the return of normal blood flow is called fibrinolytic therapy and is used in certain types of heart attacks. It is important that this medicine be given quickly after a heart attack is	3	100%	60%	3	3

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Primary PCI received minutes of hospital arr		Heart attack patient with a clogged artery in the heart that is opened with a balloon therapy called PCI within 90 minutes of hospital arrival. This measure reports how quickly heart attack patients had a clogged artery in the heart opened with a balloon therapy called PCI to increase blood flow to the heart and reduce heart damage. Lack of blood supply to heart muscle can cause lasting heart damage. In certain types of heart attacks, a small balloon is threaded into a blood vessel in the heart to open up a clogged artery that keeps the blood from flowing to the heart muscle. It is important that this therapy be given quickly after a heart attack is diagnosed.	3	100%	92%	100%	96%
Statin Prescribed at Di	ischarge	Heart attack patients who receive a prescription for a statin medication at discharge. This measure reports what percentage of heart patients who have problems with high cholesterol were prescribed medications to help reduce their "bad" cholesterol.					

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Heart Failure Care	This category of evidence based measures assesses the overall quality of care provided to Heart Failure (HF) patients.	Θ	Θ	

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Measure	Explanation	Hospital Results	Top 10% Scored at Least:	Average Rate:	Top 10% Scored at Least:	Average Rate:
ACE inhibitor or ARB for LVSD*	Heart failure patients who receive either a prescription for a medicine called an "ACE inhibitor" or a medicine called an angiotensin receptor blocker (ARB) when they are discharged from the hospital. This measure reports what percent of heart failure patients who have problems with the heart pumping enough blood to the body were prescribed medicines to improve the heart's ability to pump blood.	84% of 45 eligible Patients	100%	96%	100%	96%
Adult smoking cessation advice/counseling*	Heart failure patients who are given advice about stopping smoking while they are in the hospital. This measure reports what percent of adult heart failure patients are provided advice and/or counseling to quit smoking. Smoking harms the heart, lungs and blood vessels and makes existing heart disease worse. Limitations of measure use - see Accreditation Quality Report User Guide.	100% of 25 eligible Patients ³	100%	99%	100%	100%
Discharge instructions*	Heart failure patients who receive specific discharge instructions about their condition. This measure reports what percent of patients with heart failure are given information about their condition and care when they leave the hospital. Patient education about medicines, diet, activities, and signs to watch for is important in order to prevent further hospitalization. Limitations of measure use - see Accreditation Quality Report User Guide.	93% of 153 eligible Patients	100%	91%	100%	92%

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Measure	Explanation	Hospital Results	Top 10% Scored at Least:	Average Rate:	Top 10% Scored at Least:	Average Rate:
LVF assessment*	Heart failure patients who have had the function of the main pumping chamber of the heart (i.e., left ventricle) checked during their hospitalization. This measure reports what percent of patients with heart failure receive an in-depth evaluation of heart muscle function in order to get the right treatment for their heart failure. Limitations of measure use see Accreditation Quality Report User Guide.	99% of 182 eligible Patients	100%	99%	100%	99%

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Measure	Explanation	Hospital Results	Top 10% Scored at Least:	Average Rate:	Top 10% Scored at Least:	Average Rate:
Adult smoking cessation advice/counseling*	Pneumonia patients who are given advice about stopping smoking while they are in the hospital. This measure reports what percent of adult pneumonia patients are provided advice and/or counseling to quit smoking. Smoking harms the heart, lungs and blood vessels and makes existing disease worse. Limitations of measure use - see Accreditation Quality Report User Guide.	98% of 100 eligible Patients	100%	99%	100%	99%
Blood cultures for pneumonia patients admitted through the Emergency Department.*	Pneumonia patients who were admitted through the Emergency Department who had a blood test in the Emergency Department for the presence of bacteria in their blood. Before antibiotics are given, blood samples are taken to test for the type of infection. This measure reports the percent of pneumonia patients admitted through the Emergency Department who received this test before antibiotics were given.	95% of 222 eligible Patients	100%	97%	100%	97%
Blood cultures for pneumonia patients in intensive care units.	Pneumonia patients cared for in an intensive care unit that had a blood test for the presence of bacteria in their blood within 24 hours of hospital arrival. This measure reports the percent of pneumonia patients in intensive care units who had a blood culture within 24 hours prior to or after hospital arrival.	100% of 73 eligible Patients	100%	97%	100%	98%

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Initial antibiotic received within 6 hours of hospital arrival*	Pneumonia patients who are given an antibiotic within 6 hours of arriving at the hospital. This measure reports the percent of adult pneumonia patients who are given an antibiotic within 6 hours of arriving at the hospital. Limitations of measure usesee Accreditation Quality Report User Guide.	94% of 216 eligible Patients	100%	96%	100%	96%
Initial antibiotic selection for CAP in immunocompetent – ICU patient*	Patients in intensive care units who have community-acquired pneumonia who received the appropriate medicine (antibiotic) that has been shown to be effective for community-acquired pneumonia. This measure reports how often patients in intensive care units with community-acquired pneumonia were given the correct antibiotic within 24 hours of hospital arrival, based on recommendations from written guidelines, for the treatment of pneumonia.	88% of 24 eligible Patients ³	100%	83%	100%	83%
Initial antibiotic selection for CAP in immunocompetent – non ICU patient*	Patients not in intensive care units who have community-acquired pneumonia who received the appropriate medicine (antibiotic) that has been shown to be effective for community-acquired pneumonia. This measure reports how often patients with community-acquired pneumonia not cared for in intensive care units, were given the correct antibiotic within 24 hours of hospital arrival, based on recommendations from written guidelines, for the	98% of 104 eligible Patients	100%	96%	100%	96%



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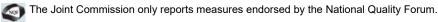
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Measure	Explanation	Hospital Results	Top 10% Scored at Least:	0	Top 10% Scored at Least:	Average Rate:
Pneumococcal vaccination*	Pneumonia vaccination. This measure reports how many patients 65 years and older were screened and vaccinated to prevent pneumonia.	86% of 185 eligible Patients	100%	95%	100%	97%



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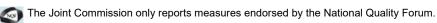
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Compared to other Joint

		Accredited Organizations		
Measure Area	Explanation	Nationwide	Statewide	
Pneumonia Care	This category of evidence based measures assesses the overall quality of care provided to Pneumonia patients.	Θ	Θ	

		Compared to other Joint Commission Accredited Organizations Nationwide Statewide				
Measure	Explanation	Hospital Results	Top 10% Scored at Least:	Average Rate:	Top 10% Scored at Least:	Average Rate:
Pneumonia Seasonal Measure Reporting Period: October 2010 - N	March 2011					
Influenza vaccination	Pneumonia patients in the hospital during flu season (October through March) who were given the influenza vaccination prior to leaving the hospital. This measure reports how often pneumonia patients in the hospital during the flu season were given flu vaccine if needed, prior to leaving the hospital.	80% of 126 eligible Patients	100%	94%	100%	96%



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Measure Area	Explanation
SCIP - Cardiac	This evidence based measure assesses continuation of
	beta-blocker therapy in selected surgical patients.

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Surgery patients taking a Beta-Blocker before hospital admission who received a Beta-Blocker in the time frame of 24 hours before surgery through the time they were in the recovery room.	This measure reports the number of patients taking a Beta-Blocker medication before hospital admission who received a Beta-Blocker in the time frame of 24 hours before surgery through the time they were in the recovery room. Risk of complications is decreased when the Beta-Blocker is continued during the surgical time frame.	84% of 95 eligible Patients	100%	95%	100%	96%

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Measure	Explanation	Hospital Results	Top 10% Scored at Least:	Average Rate:	Top 10% Scored at Least:	Average Rate:
Patients having a surgery who received medicine to prevent infection (an antibiotic) within one hour before the skin was surgically cut.*	This measure reports how often patients having surgery received medicine that prevents infection (an antibiotic) within one hour before the skin was surgically cut. Infection is lowest when patients receive antibiotics to prevent infection within one hour before the skin is surgically cut. Note: Not every surgery requires antibiotics and this measure reports on those selected surgeries where evidence/experts have identified that antibiotics would be helpful.	98% of 201 eligible Patients	100%	98%	100%	98%
Patients having surgery who received the appropriate medicine (antibiotic) which is shown to be effective for the type of surgery performed.*	This measure reports how often patients who had surgery were given the appropriate medicine (antibiotic) that prevents infection which is know to be effective for the type of surgery, based upon the recommendations of experts around the country. Note: Not every surgery requires antibiotics and this measure reports on those selected surgeries where evidence/experts have identified that antibiotics would be helpful.	98% of 202 eligible Patients	100%	98%	100%	99%



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Measure	Explanation	Hospital Results	Top 10% Scored	Average Rate:	Top 10% Scored	Average Rate:
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Patients who had surgery and received appropriate medicine that prevents infection (antibiotic) and the antibiotic was stopped within 24 hours after the surgery ended.*	This measure reports how often surgery patients whose medicine (an antibiotic) to prevent infection was stopped within 24 hours after the surgery ended. Giving medicine that prevents infection for more than 24 hours after the end of surgery is not helpful, unless there is a specific reason (for example, fever or other signs of infection). Note: Not every surgery requires antibiotics and this measure reports on those selected surgeries where evidence/experts have identified that antibiotics would be helpful.	95% of 197 eligible Patients	100%	96%	100%	97%
Patients Having Colon/Large Intestine Surgery*	Overall report of hospital's performance on Surgical Infection Prevention Measures for Colon/Large Intestine Surgery.	97% of 39 eligible Patients	100%	93%	100%	95%
Patients having colon/large intestine surgery who received medicine to prevent infection (an antibiotic) within one hour before the skin was surgically cut. *	This measure reports how often patients having colon/large intestine surgery received medicine that prevents infection (an antibiotic) within one hour before the skin was surgically cut. Infection is lowest when patients receive antibiotics to prevent infection within one hour before the skin is surgically cut.	100% of 13 eligible Patients ³	100%	95%	100%	97%
Patients having colon/large intestine surgery who received the appropriate medicine (antibiotic) which is shown to be effective for this type of surgery.*	This measure reports how often patients who had colon/large intestine surgery were given the appropriate medicine (antibiotic) that prevents infection which is know to be effective for the type of surgery, based upon the recommendations of experts around the country.	92% of 13 eligible Patients ³	100%	92%	100%	94%

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Measure	Explanation	Hospital Results	Top 10% Scored at Least:	Average Rate:	Top 10% Scored at Least:	Average Rate:
Patients who had colon/large intestine surgery and received appropriate medicine that prevents infection (antibiotic) and the antibiotic was stopped within 24 hours after the surgery ended.*	This measure reports how often colon/large intestine surgery patients whose medicine (an antibiotic) to prevent infection was stopped within 24 hours after the surgery ended. Giving medicine that prevents infection for more than 24 hours after the end of surgery is not helpful, unless there is a specific reason (for example, fever or other signs of infection).	100% of 13 eligible Patients ³	100%	92%	100%	93%
Patients Having Hip Joint Replacement Surgery*	Overall report of hospital's performance on Surgical Infection Prevention Measures for Hip Joint Replacement Surgery.	96% of 164 eligible Patients	100%	98%	100%	98%
Patients having hip joint replacement surgery who received medicine to prevent infection (an antibiotic) within one hour before the skin was surgically cut.*	This measure reports how often patients having hip joint replacement surgery received medicine that prevents infection (an antibiotic) within one hour before the skin was surgically cut. Infection is lowest when patients receive antibiotics to prevent infection within one hour before the skin is surgically cut.	96% of 55 eligible Pattents	100%	98%	100%	98%
Patients having hip joint replacement surgery who received the appropriate medicine (antibiotic) which is shown to be effective for this type of surgery.*	This measure reports how often patients who had hip joint replacement surgery were given the appropriate medicine (antibiotic) that prevents infection which is know to be effective for the type of surgery, based upon the recommendations of experts around the country.	100% of 56 eligible Patients	100%	100%	100%	100%

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Measure	Explanation	Hospital Results	Top 10% Scored at Least:	Average Rate:	Top 10% Scored at Least:	Average Rate:
Patients who had hip joint replacement surgery and received appropriate medicine that prevents infection (antibiotic) and the antibiotic was stopped within 24 hours after the surgery ended.*	This measure reports how often hip joint replacement surgery patients whose medicine (an antibiotic) to prevent infection was stopped within 24 hours after the surgery ended. Giving medicine that prevents infection for more than 24 hours after the end of surgery is not helpful, unless there is a specific reason (for example, fever or other signs of infection).	92% of 53 eligible Pattents	100%	96%	100%	97%
Patients Having a Hysterectomy*	Overall report of hospital's performance on Surgical Infection Prevention Measure for Hysterectomy Surgery.	94% of 79 eligible Patients	100%	96%	100%	97%
Patients having hysterectomy surgery who received medicine to prevent infection (an antibiotic) within one hour before the skin was surgically cut.*	This measure reports how often patients having hysterectomy surgery received medicine that prevents infection (an antibiotic) within one hour before the skin was surgically cut. Infection is lowest when patients receive antibiotics to prevent infection within one hour before the skin is surgically cut.	96% of 27 eligible Patients ³	100%	98%	100%	98%
Patients having hysterectomy surgery who received the appropriate medicine (antibiotic) which is shown to be effective for this type of surgery.*	This measure reports how often patients who had hysterectomy surgery were given the appropriate medicine (antibiotic) that prevents infection which is know to be effective for the type of surgery, based upon the recommendations of experts around the country.	88% of 26 eligible Patients ³	100%	95%	100%	96%



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Measure	Explanation	Hospital Results		Average Rate:	Top 10% Scored at Least:	
Patients who had hysterectomy surgery and received appropriate medicine that prevents infection (antibiotic) and the antibiotic was stopped within 24 hours after the surgery ended.*	This measure reports how often hysterectomy surgery patients whose medicine (an antibiotic) to prevent infection was stopped within 24 hours after the surgery ended. Giving medicine that prevents infection for more than 24 hours after the end of surgery is not helpful, unless there is a specific reason (for example, fever or other signs of infection).	96% of 26 eligible Patients ³	100%	97%	100%	96%
Patients Having Knee Joint Replacement Surgery*	Overall report of hospital's performance on Surgical Infection Prevention Measures for Knee Joint Replacement Surgery.	98% of 318 eligible Patients	100%	98%	100%	99%
Patients having knee joint replacement surgery who received medicine to prevent infection (an antibiotic) within one hour before the skin was surgically cut.*	This measure reports how often patients having knee joint replacement surgery received medicine that prevents infection (an antibiotic) within one hour before the skin was surgically cut. Infection is lowest when patients receive antibiotics to prevent infection within one hour before the skin is surgically cut.	98% of 106 eligible Patients	100%	98%	100%	99%
Patients having knee joint replacement surgery who received the appropriate medicine (antibiotic) which is shown to be effective for this type of surgery.*	This measure reports how often patients who had knee joint replacement surgery were given the appropriate medicine (antibiotic) that prevents infection which is know to be effective for the type of surgery, based upon the recommendations of experts around the country.	100% of 107 eligible Patients	100%	100%	100%	100%

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Measure Area Explanation Nationwide Statewide

SCIP - Infection Prevention This category of evidence based measures assesses the overall use of indicated antibiotics for surgical infection prevention.

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Measure	Explanation	Hospital Results	Top 10% Scored at Least:	Average Rate:	Top 10% Scored at Least:	Average Rate:
Patients who had knee joint replacement surgery and received appropriate medicine that prevents infection (antibiotic) and the antibiotic was stopped within 24 hours after the surgery ended.*	This measure reports how often knee joint replacement surgery patients whose medicine (an antibiotic) to prevent infection was stopped within 24 hours after the surgery ended. Giving medicine that prevents infection for more than 24 hours after the end of surgery is not helpful, unless there is a specific reason (for example, fever or other signs of infection).	96% of 105 eligible Patients	100%	97%	100%	98%
Surgery patients with proper hair removal.	This measure reports the number of surgical patients that have had hair at the site of the surgical cut removed properly. Infection is lowest when patients have hair removed with electrical clippers or hair removal cream.	99% of 308 eligible Patients	100%	100%	100%	100%
Urinary Catheter Removed	This measure reports the number of surgery patients whose urinary catheter was removed by the end of the second day after surgery.	73% of 73 eligible Patients	100%	92%	99%	93%

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Measure Area	Explanation
SCIP – Venous Thromboembolism (VTE)	This category of evidenced based measures assesses the use of indicated treatment for the prevention of blood clots in selected surgical patients

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Measure	Explanation	Hospital Results	Top 10% Scored at Least:	Average Rate:	Top 10% Scored at Least:	Average Rate:
Patients having surgery who had treatment prescribed for the prevention of blood clots. Note: Treatment may be medication, stockings, or mechanical devices for exercising the legs.	This measure reports how often patients having surgery had treatment prescribed for the prevention of blood clots. The incidence of blood clots is lowest when patients are treated to prevent them. Note: Not every surgery requires treatment and this measure reports on those selected surgeries where evidence/experts have identified that treatment to prevent blood clots would be helpful.	97% of 124 eligible Patients	100%	96%	100%	96%
Patients having surgery who received the appropriate treatment to prevent blood clots which is shown to be effective for the type of surgery performed. Note: Treatment may be medication, stockings, or mechanical devices for exercising the legs.	This measure reports how often patients who had surgery were given the appropriate treatment that prevents blood clots which is known to be effective for the type of surgery, based upon the recommendations of experts around the country. Note: Not every surgery requires treatment and this measure reports on those selected surgeries where evidence/experts have identified that treatment to prevent blood clots would be helpful.	86% of 124 eligible Patients	100%	94%	99%	95%

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CMS Mortality Rates

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Center for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) Hospital 30-Day Risk Adjusted Death (Mortality) compared to U.S. National Rate
The rates displayed in this table are from data reported for discharges July 2007 through June 2010
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The U.S. National 30-day Death Rate from Heart Attack = 16%						
	Better Than U.S. National Rate (Adjusted mortality is lower than U.S. rate)	No Different Than U.S. National Rate (Adjusted mortality is about the same as U.S. rate or difference is uncertain)	Worse Than U.S. National Rate (Adjusted mortality is higher than U.S. Rate)			
30-Day Death (Mortality) Rates from Heart Attack = 15.2%	Not Available					
Number of Medicare Heart Attack	Patients = 54					
*	95 hospitals in the U.S. Better than U.S. National Rate		45 hospitals in the U.S. Worse than U.S. National Rate			
	1685 hospitals in the United States performing	1685 hospitals in the United States did not have enough cases to reliably tell how well they are performing				
Out of 109 hospitals in North carolina	3 hospitals in North carolina Better than U.S. National Rate	82 hospitals in North carolina No different than U.S. National Rate	2 hospitals in North carolina Worse than U.S. National Rate			
	22 hospitals in North carolina did 1	not have enough cases to reliably te	ll how well they are performing			

The U.S. National 30-day Death Rate from Heart Failure = 11%						
	Better Than U.S. National Rate (Adjusted mortality is lower than U.S. rate)	No Different Than U.S. National Rate (Adjusted mortality is about the same as U.S. rate or difference is uncertain)	Worse Than U.S. National Rate (Adjusted mortality is higher than U.S. Rate)			
30-Day Death (Mortality) Rates from Heart Failure = 8.7%	Not Available					
Number of Medicare Heart Failure	e Patients = 195					
Out of 4743 hospitals in U.S.	199 hospitals in the U.S. Better than U.S. National Rate	3801 hospitals in the U.S. No different than U.S. National Rate	140 hospitals in the U.S. Worse than U.S. National Rate			
	603 hospitals in the United States did not have enough cases to reliably tell how well they are performing					
Out of 110 hospitals in North carolina	1 hospitals in North carolina Better than U.S. National Rate	100 hospitals in North carolina No different than U.S. National Rate	1 hospitals in North carolina Worse than U.S. National Rate			
	8 hospitals in North carolina did not have enough cases to reliably tell how well they are performing					

The U.S. National 30-day Death Rate from Pneumonia = 12%							
	Better Than U.S. National Rate (Adjusted mortality is lower than U.S. rate)	No Different Than U.S. National Rate (Adjusted mortality is about the same as U.S. rate or difference is uncertain)	Worse Than U.S. National Rate (Adjusted mortality is higher than U.S. Rate)				
30-Day Death (Mortality) Rates from Pneumonia = 8.8%	Not Available						
Number of Medicare Pneumonia Patients = 223							



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Out of 110 hospitals in North

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Center for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) Hospital 30-Day Risk Adjusted Death (Mortality) compared to U.S. National Rate
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Last Updated: June 08, 2011

Out of 4788 hospitals in U.S.

222 hospitals in the U.S. Better than U.S. National Rate
357 hospitals in the United States did not have enough cases to reliably tell how well they are

performing

2 hospitals in North carolina
Better than U.S. National Rate

96 hospitals in North carolina No different than U.S. National Rate

97 hospitals in North carolina No different than U.S. National Rate

98 hospitals in North carolina No different than U.S. National Rate

2 hospitals in North carolina did not have enough cases to reliably tell how well they are performing

These percentages were calculated by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services from Medicare data on patients discharged July 2007 through June 2010. They do not include people in Medicare Advantage (Managed care) plans or people who do not have

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CMS Readmission Rates

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Center for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) Hospital 30 Day Rate of Readmission compared to U.S. National Rate
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The	The U.S. National Rate for Readmissions for Heart Attack Patients = 20%					
	Better Than U.S. National Rate (Adjusted readmissions are lower than U.S. rate)	No Different Than U.S. National Rate (Adjusted readmissions are about the same as U.S. rate or difference is uncertain)	Worse Than U.S. National Rate (Adjusted mortality is higher than U.S. Rate)			
30 Day Hospital Readmission Rates from Heart Attack Patients = 19.9%	Not Available					
Number of Medicare Heart Attack	Patients = 49					
Out of 4476 hospitals in U.S.	29 hospitals in the U.S. Better than U.S. National Rate 1999 hospitals in the United States performing	*	45 hospitals in the U.S. Worse than U.S. National Rate oly tell how well they are			
Out of 108 hospitals in North carolina	1 hospitals in North carolina Better than U.S. National Rate 36 hospitals in North carolina did i	69 hospitals in North carolina No different than U.S. National Rate not have enough cases to reliably te	2 hospitals in North carolina Worse than U.S. National Rate Il how well they are performing			

The U.S. National Rate for Readmissions for Heart Failure Patients = 25%						
	Better Than U.S. National Rate (Adjusted readmissions are lower than U.S. rate)	No Different Than U.S. National Rate (Adjusted readmissions are about the same as U.S. rate or difference is uncertain)	Worse Than U.S. National Rate (Adjusted mortality is higher than U.S. Rate)			
30 Day Hospital Readmission Rates from Heart Failure Patients = 22.7%	Not Available					
Number of Medicare Heart Failure	Patients = 245					
Out of 4759 hospitals in U.S.	147 hospitals in the U.S. Better than U.S. National Rate	3869 hospitals in the U.S. No different than U.S. National Rate	193 hospitals in the U.S. Worse than U.S. National Rate			
	550 hospitals in the United States did not have enough cases to reliably tell how well they are performing					
Out of 109 hospitals in North carolina	5 hospitals in North carolina Better than U.S. National Rate	92 hospitals in North carolina No different than U.S. National Rate	6 hospitals in North carolina Worse than U.S. National Rate			
	6 hospitals in North carolina did not have enough cases to reliably tell how well they are performing					

The U.S. National Rate for Readmissions for Pneumonia Patients = 18%									
	Better Than U.S. National Rate (Adjusted readmissions are lower than U.S. rate)	No Different Than U.S. National Rate (Adjusted readmissions are about the same as U.S. rate or difference is uncertain)	Worse Than U.S. National Rate (Adjusted mortality is higher than U.S. Rate)						
30 Day Hospital Readmission Rates from Pneumonia Patients = 16.3%	Not Available								

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CMS Readmission Rates

Symbol Key

- This organization achieved the best ossible results
- This organization's performance is above the target range/value.
- This organization's performance is Ø similar to the target range/value.
- This organization's performance is
- below the target range/value.
- ot displayed

Footnote Key

- The Measure or Measure Set was not reported.
- The Measure Set does not have an overall result.
- The number of patients is not enough for comparison purposes.
- The measure meets the Privacy Disclosure Threshold rule.
- The organization scored above 90% but was below most other organizations.
- The Measure results are not statistically valid.
- The Measure results are based on a ample of patients.
- The number of months with Measure data is below the reporting requirement.
- The measure results are temporarily suppressed pending resubmission of updated data.

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Hospital

Center for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) Hospital 30 Day Rate of Readmission compared to U.S. National Rate The rates displayed in this table are from data reported for discharges July 2007 through June 2010 Last Updated: June 08, 2011

Number of Medicare Friedmonia i	attents = 242		
*	<u> </u>	4223 hospitals in the U.S. No different than U.S. National Rate	163 hospitals in the U.S. Worse than U.S. National Rate
	363 hospitals in the United States of performing	lid not have enough cases to reliably	y tell how well they are
	*	105 hospitals in North carolina No different than U.S. National Rate	2 hospitals in North carolina Worse than U.S. National Rate
	3 hospitals in North carolina did no	of have enough cases to reliably tell	how well they are performing

These percentages were calculated by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services from Medicare data on patients discharged July 2007 through June 2010. They do not include people in Medicare Advantage (Managed care) plans or people who do not have

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65%

67%

64%





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	Survey Da	ite Range		Number of	Completed Sur	veys	Survey Response Rate		
Octobe	er 2009 throug	gh September 2	2010	3	00 or More		34 ⁰	%	
Question			E	Explanation					
How ofter with patie		Patients reported how often their doctors communicated well with them during their hospital stay. "Communicated well" means doctors explained things clearly, listened carefully to the patient, and treated the patient with courtesy and respect.							
Doctors "a	lways" comm	unicated well	Doctors "	'usually" comm	unicated well		"sometimes" ommunicated		
Hospital Rate	State Average	National Average	Hospital Rate	State Average	National Average	Hospital Rate	State Average	National Average	
78%	83%	80%	15%	13%	15%	7%	4%	5%	
How ofter with patie		ommunicate we	ell	them during the explained this	ted how often to neir hospital sta ngs clearly, lis tient with court	y. "Communioned tened careful	cated well" me	eans nurses	
Nurses "al	lways" commı	unicated well	Nurses "	usually" comm	unicated well	Nurses "sometimes" or "never" communicated well			
Hospital Rate	State Average	National Average	Hospital Rate	State Average	National Average	Hospital Rate	State Average	National Average	
75%	79%	76%	20%	16%	19%	5%	5%	5%	
uestion			E	Explanation					
How ofter from hosp		receive help qu	ickly		ted how often t button or need dpan .				
				nts "usually" received help as soon as they wanted Patients "sometimes" or received help as soon as the					
Hospital Rate	State Average	National Average	Hospital Rate	State Average	National Average	Hospital Rate	State Average	National Average	

24%

23%

25%

11%

11%

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Question





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Survey Date Range Number of Completed Surveys Survey Response Rate October 2009 through September 2010 300 or More 34%

Explanation

How ofter controlled	n was patient 1?	s' pain well		If patients needed medicine for pain during their hospital stay, the survey asked how often their pain was well controlled. "Well controlled" means their pain was well controlled and that the hospital staff did everything they could to help patients with their pain.					
Pain was "always" well controlled Pain			Pain wa	as "usually" we	ll controlled	Pain was "	sometimes" c controlled	or "never" well	
Hospital Rate	State Average	National Average	Hospital Rate	State Average	National Average	Hospital Rate	State Average	National Average	

Rate	Average	Average	Rate	Average	Average	Rate	Average	Average		
68%	71%	69%	24%	22%	24%	8%	7%	7%		
	How often did staff explain about medicines before giving them to patients? If patients were given medicine that they had not taken before, the survey asked how often staff explained about the medicine. "Explained" means that hospital staff told what the medicine was for and what side effects it might have before they gave it to the patient.									
Staf	f "always" exp	plained	Sta	ıff "usually" exγ	olained	Staff "	sometimes" o explained	r "never"		
Hospital Rate	State Average	National Average	Hospital Rate	State Average	National Average	Hospital Rate	State Average	National Average		
54%	63%	60%	24%	17%	19%	22%	20%	21%		

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Question

78%

70%

71%





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15%

Survey Date Range	Number of Completed Surveys	Survey Response Rate
October 2009 through September 2010	300 or More	34%

Explanation

	n were the par is kept clean?	tients' rooms a	nd	Patients reported how often their hospital room and bathroom were kept clean.				
Roor	n was "always	s" clean	Ro	om was "usuall	y" clean	Room wa	as "sometimes clean	s" or "never"
Hospital Rate	State Average	National Average	Hospital Rate	State Average	National Average	Hospital Rate	State Average	National Average

20%

20%

7%

10%

9%

Question					Explanation					
How often was the area around patients' rooms kept quiet at night?					Patients reported how often the area around their room was quiet at night.					
"Always" quiet at night			"(Jsually" quiet a	t night	"Sometime	es" or "never"	quiet at night		
	Hospital Rate	State Average	National Average	Hospital Rate	State Average	National Average	Hospital Rate	State Average	National Average	
	58%	62%	58%	33%	29%	30%	9%	9%	12%	

Question	Explanation
Were patients given information about what to do during their recovery at home?	The survey asked patients about information they were given when they were ready to leave the hospital. Patients reported whether hospital staff had discussed the help they would need at home. Patients also reported whether they were given written information about symptoms or health problems to watch for during their recovery.

Yes, staff	did give patients th	s information	No, staff did not give patients this information			
Hospital Rate	Hospital Rate State Average National Average			State Average	National Average	
82%	83%	82%	18%	17%	18%	

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recommend the hospital

State

Average

71%

National

Average

69%

Hospital

Rate

33%

Hospital

Rate

60%



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	Survey Da	te Range		Number of	Completed Sur	veys	Survey Response Rate			
Octobe	r 2009 throug	gh September 2	.010	3	00 or More		349	%		
Question				Explanation						
How do pa	atients rate th	ne hospital overa	all?	After answering all other questions on the survey, patients answered a separate question that asked for an overall rating of the hospital. Ratings were on a scale from 0 to 10, where "0" means "worst hospital possible" and "10" means "best hospital possible."						
Patients wl	no gave a rati (high)	ing of 9 or 10	Patient	ts who gave a rating of 7 or 8 Patients who gave a rating of 6 or (medium)						
Hospital Rate	State Average	National Average	Hospita Rate	al State Average	National Average	Hospital Rate	State Average	National Average		
61%	69%	67%	28%	23%	24%	11%	8%	9%		
Question				Explanation						
Would pat friends an		nend the hospita	al to	The survey asked patients whether they would recommend the hospital to their friends and family.				mend the		
YES, p	atients would	definitely	YES	S, patients would	probably	NO, patio	ents would not	recommend		

recommend the hospital

State

Average

24%

National

Average

26%

Hospital

Rate

7%

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the hospital (they probably would not or definitely would not recommend it)

State

Average

5%

National

Average

5%

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2009 National Patient Safety Goals

Symbol Key

The organization has met the National Patient Safety Goal.

The organization has not met the National Patient Safety Goal.

The Goal is not applicable for this organization.

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Pathology and Clinical Laboratory

Safety Goals	Organizations Should	Implemented
Improve the accuracy of patient identification.	Use of Two Patient Identifiers	Ø
	Conducting a Verification Process Before Starting Procedures	Ø
Improve the effectiveness of communication among caregivers.	Reading Back Verbal Orders	Ø
	Creating a List of Abbreviations Not to Use	Ø
	Timely Reporting of Critical Tests and Critical Results	Ø
	Managing Hand-Off Communications	Ø
Reduce the risk of health care-associated infections	Meeting Hand Hygiene Guidelines	Ø
	Sentinel Events Resulting from Infection	Ø
Encourage patients' active involvement in their own care as a patient safety strategy.	Patient and Family Reporting of Safety Concerns	Ø