



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	6/7/2014	5/5/2017	5/5/2017
Laboratory	Accredited	7/25/2015	7/28/2017	7/28/2017

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

Pathology and Clinical Laboratory

Hospital

Advanced Certification Programs	Certification Decision	Effective Date	Last Full Review Date	Last On-Site Review Date
Primary Stroke Center	Certification	2/2/2016	1/11/2016	1/11/2016

Special Quality Awards

2014 Top Performer on Key Quality Measures®

2013 Top Performer on Key Quality Measures®

		Compared to other Joint Commission Accredited Organizations	
		Nationwide	Statewide
Hospital	2014 National Patient Safety Goals		*
	National Quality Improvement Goals:		
Reporting Period: Oct 2015 - Sep 2016	Emergency Department	²	²
	Immunization	²	²
	Perinatal Care	²	²
	Stroke Care	²	²
	Venous Thromboembolism (VTE)	²	²
Laboratory	2016 National Patient Safety Goals		*



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Locations of Care

* Primary Location

Locations of Care	Available Services
Northern Hospital of Surry County * DBA: Northern Hospital District of Surry County 830 Rockford Street Mount Airy, NC 27030	Joint Commission Advanced Certification Programs: - Primary Stroke Center Other Clinics/Practices located at this site: - Northern Cardiac Rehabilitation Services: - CT Scanner (Imaging/Diagnostic Services) - Ear/Nose/Throat Surgery (Surgical Services) - EEG/EKG/EMG Lab (Imaging/Diagnostic Services) - Gastroenterology (Surgical Services) - General Laboratory Tests - GI or Endoscopy Lab (Imaging/Diagnostic Services) - Gynecological Surgery (Surgical Services) - Gynecology (Inpatient) - Inpatient Unit (Inpatient) - Labor & Delivery (Inpatient) - Magnetic Resonance Imaging (Imaging/Diagnostic Services) - Medical /Surgical Unit (Inpatient) - Medical ICU (Intensive Care Unit) - Normal Newborn Nursery (Inpatient) - Nuclear Medicine (Imaging/Diagnostic Services) - Ophthalmology (Surgical Services) - Orthopedic Surgery (Surgical Services) - Outpatient Clinics (Outpatient) - Positron Emission Tomography (PET) (Imaging/Diagnostic Services) - Post Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU) (Inpatient) - Teleradiology (Imaging/Diagnostic Services) - Toxicology - Ultrasound (Imaging/Diagnostic Services) - Urology (Surgical Services)
Northern Medical Group - General Surgery 708 S South Street, Suite 100 Mount Airy, NC 27030	Services: - Outpatient Clinics (Outpatient) - Perform Invasive Procedure (Outpatient)
Northern Medical Group - Family Medicine DBA: Northern Medical Group - Family Medicine 280 N Pointe Blvd Mount Airy, NC 27030	Services: - General Laboratory Tests - Outpatient Clinics (Outpatient) - Perform Invasive Procedure (Outpatient)
Northern Medical Group - Gastroenterology 708 S South Street, Suite 100 Mount Airy, NC 27030	Services: - General Laboratory Tests - Outpatient Clinics (Outpatient)
Northern Medical Group - Medical Specialists DBA: a department of Northern Hospital 708 S South Street, Suite 200 Mount Airy, NC 27030	Services: - General Laboratory Tests - Outpatient Clinics (Outpatient)



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Northern Medical Group - Orthopaedics DBA: Northern Medical Group - Orthopaedics 314 S. South Street, Suite 100 Mount Airy, NC 27030	Services: Outpatient Clinics (Outpatient)
Northern Medical Group - Pain Management DBA: a department of Northern Hospital 110 Dutchman's Court Elkin, NC 28621	Services: - General Laboratory Tests - Outpatient Clinics (Outpatient) - Perform Invasive Procedure (Outpatient) - Toxicology
Northern Medical Group - Pain Management DBA: a department of Northern Hospital 708 S. South Street, Suite 400 Mount Airy, NC 27030	Services: Outpatient Clinics (Outpatient)
Northern Medical Group - Pediatrics DBA: a department of Northern Hospital 100 North Pointe Boulevard Mount Airy, NC 27030	Services: - General Laboratory Tests - Outpatient Clinics (Outpatient)
Northern Medical Group- Urology DBA: a department of Northern Hospital 423 S. South St. Mount Airy, NC 27030	Services: - General Laboratory Tests - Outpatient Clinics (Outpatient) - Perform Invasive Procedure (Outpatient)
Northern Medical Group-Obstetrics and Gynecology DBA: a department of Northern Hospital 510 S. South Street Mount Airy, NC 27030	Services: - General Laboratory Tests - Outpatient Clinics (Outpatient) - Perform Invasive Procedure (Outpatient)
Northern Rehab and Wound Care 314 S. South Street, Suite 100 Mount Airy, NC 27030	Services: Outpatient Clinics (Outpatient)



2014 National Patient Safety Goals

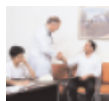
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Hospital

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	
Use Alarms Safely	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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Accredited Organizations

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 89.00 minutes 597 eligible Patients	53.00	124.00	59.40	110.52
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.	2 282.00 minutes 597 eligible Patients	202.00	311.00	231.07	297.92



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Immunization	This evidence-based prevention measure set assesses immunization activity for pneumonia and influenza.	 2	 2

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		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.	 100% of 382 eligible Patients	100%	94%	99%	96%



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Perinatal Care	This category of evidenced based measures assesses the care of mothers and newborns.	2	2

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		Hospital Results	Nationwide Top 10% Scored at Least:	Average Rate:	Statewide Top 10% Scored at Least:	Average Rate:
Antenatal Steroids	This measure reports the overall number of mothers who were at risk of preterm delivery at 24-32 weeks gestation receiving antenatal steroids prior to delivering preterm newborns. Antenatal steroids are steroids given before birth.	4 ----	100%	98%	100%	98%
Elective Delivery	This measure reports the overall number of mothers who had elective vaginal deliveries or elective cesarean sections at equal to and greater than 37 weeks gestation. An elective delivery is the delivery of a newborn(s) when the mother was not in active labor or presented with spontaneous ruptured membranes prior to medical induction and/or cesarean section.	8 0% of 20 eligible Patients	0%	2%	0%	1%
Exclusive Breast Milk Feeding	This measure reports the overall number of newborns who are exclusively breast milk fed during the newborns entire hospitalization. Exclusive breast milk feeding is when a newborn receives only breast milk and no other liquids or solids except for drops or syrups consisting of vitamins, minerals, or medicines.	8 13% of 270 eligible Patients	75%	53%	64%	47%



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Measure Area	Explanation	Nationwide	Statewide
Stroke Care	This category of evidence based measures assesses the overall quality of care provided to Stroke (STK) patients.	2	2

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Accredited Organizations

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		Hospital Results	Nationwide Top 10% Scored at Least:	Average Rate:	Statewide Top 10% Scored at Least:	Average Rate:
Thrombolytic Therapy	Acute ischemic stroke patients who receive a medicine that breaks up blood clots (thrombolytic therapy) within 180 minutes of stroke symptom onset. This measure reports how quickly ischemic stroke patients were given a medication that breaks up blood clots (thrombolytic therapy). Breaking up blood clots increases blood flow to the brain. If blood flow is returned to the brain quickly during a stroke, the risk of brain damage and loss of physical function is decreased. The medicine that breaks up clots in the arteries and allows the return of normal blood flow is called thrombolytic therapy or "t-PA". It is important that this medicine be given quickly after an ischemic stroke is diagnosed.	3 ---	100%	90%	100%	92%



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Venous Thromboembolism (VTE)	This category of evidence-based measures assesses the overall quality of care related to prevention and treatment of blood clots.	2	2

Compared to other Joint Commission
Accredited Organizations

Measure	Explanation	Hospital Results	Statewide			
			Top 10% Scored at Least:	Average Rate:	Top 10% Scored at Least:	Average Rate:
VTE Discharge Instructions	Patients with blood clots who were discharged to home, home with home health, home hospice or discharged/transferred to court/law enforcement on a blood thinning medication with written information. This measure reports the percent of patients who went home on warfarin who received instructions about compliance issues, dietary advice, follow-up monitoring and information about the potential for adverse drug reactions/interactions.	 100% of 7 eligible Patients	100%	93%	100%	95%



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Improve the effectiveness of communication among caregivers.	Timely Reporting of Critical Tests and Critical Results	
Reduce the risk of health care-associated infections	Meeting Hand Hygiene Guidelines	