



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	5/6/2017	5/5/2017	5/5/2017
Laboratory	Accredited	7/29/2017	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	12/9/2017	12/8/2017	12/8/2017

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	2017 National Patient Safety Goals		*
	National Quality Improvement Goals:		
Reporting Period: Apr 2017 - Mar 2018	Emergency Department	²	²
	Immunization	²	²
	Perinatal Care	²	²
Laboratory	2017 National Patient Safety Goals		*



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Northern Hospital of Surry County

DBA: Northern Hospital District of Surry County,
830 Rockford Street, Mount Airy, NC

Org ID: 6531



Locations of Care

* Primary Location

Locations of Care	Available Services
Northern Hospital of Surry County DBA: Northern Medical Specialists 708 S South Street, Suite 200 Mount Airy, NC 27030	Services: - General Laboratory Tests - Outpatient Clinics (Outpatient)
Northern Hospital of Surry County DBA: Northern Pain Management 110 Dutchman's Court Elkin, NC 28621	Services: - General Laboratory Tests - Outpatient Clinics (Outpatient) - Perform Invasive Procedure (Outpatient) - Toxicology
Northern Hospital of Surry County DBA: Northern Pain Management 708 S. South Street, Suite 400 Mount Airy, NC 27030	Services: Outpatient Clinics (Outpatient)
Northern Hospital of Surry County DBA: Northern Gastroenterology 708 S South Street, Suite 100 Mount Airy, NC 27030	Services: - General Laboratory Tests - Outpatient Clinics (Outpatient)
Northern Hospital of Surry County DBA: Northern Family Medicine 280 N Pointe Blvd Mount Airy, NC 27030	Services: - General Laboratory Tests - Outpatient Clinics (Outpatient) - Perform Invasive Procedure (Outpatient)
Northern Hospital of Surry County DBA: Northern Orthopaedics 314 S. South Street, Suite 100 Mount Airy, NC 27030	Services: Outpatient Clinics (Outpatient)
Northern Hospital of Surry County DBA: Northern General Surgery 708 S South Street, Suite 100 Mount Airy, NC 27030	Services: - Outpatient Clinics (Outpatient) - Perform Invasive Procedure (Outpatient)
Northern Hospital of Surry County DBA: Northern Family Medicine - Rural Hall 648 Almondridge Drive Rural Hall, NC 27045	Services: - General Laboratory Tests - Outpatient Clinics (Outpatient)



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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 Hospital of Surry County DBA: Northern Urology 423 S. South Street, Suite 101 Mount Airy, NC 27030	Services: - General Laboratory Tests - Outpatient Clinics (Outpatient) - Perform Invasive Procedure (Outpatient)
Northern Hospital of Surry County DBA: Northern Obstetrics & Gynecology 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)



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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Compared to other Joint
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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.	2 101.00 minutes 632 eligible Patients	55.00	135.00	60.32	122.50
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.	2 299.00 minutes 632 eligible Patients	205.00	319.00	232.34	312.33



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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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Accredited Organizations

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.	 99% of 373 eligible Patients	100%	94%	100%	95%



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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%	99%
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.	 0% of 21 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.	 33% of 271 eligible Patients	73%	51%	66%	45%



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Improve the accuracy of patient identification.	Use of Two Patient Identifiers	
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	

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