



2015-2016 Best Hospitals Report



U.S. News & World Report has released the 26th edition of the Best Hospitals rankings, which are based on consumer-friendly data and information on nearly 5,000 medical centres nationwide. The Best Hospitals methodology measures patient volume, patient safety, risk-adjusted survival rates and adequacy of nurse staffing, among other care-related factors.

Massachusetts General Hospital, No. 2 last year, reclaimed the No. 1 spot on the Honour Roll, which highlights hospitals that are exceptional in numerous specialties. The Mayo Clinic, Johns Hopkins Hospital and UCLA Medical Center follow at Nos. 2 and 3.

More than 140,000 physicians were surveyed to rank the best centres in 16 adult specialties from cancer to urology. In the 2015-16 rankings, 137 U.S. hospitals performed well enough in complex care to be nationally ranked in one or more specialties. Only 15 of these qualified for a spot on the Honour Roll by ranking at or near the top in six or more specialties.

U.S. News also identified 520 Best Regional Hospitals, ranking them by state and metro area based on their performance in both complex and common care.

The rankings are intended to help patients with life-threatening or rare conditions identify hospitals that excel in treating the most difficult cases.

"Patients deserve high-quality information on hospitals," said Ben Harder, chief of health analysis at *U.S. News*. "We strive to provide them with the most comprehensive data available so they can make more informed decisions together with their doctor about where to undergo treatment."

Here's a partial list of the Best Hospitals for 2015-2016:

The Honour Roll

1. Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston
2. Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota
3. (tie) Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore
3. (tie) UCLA Medical Center, Los Angeles

Top Hospitals in Cancer Care

1. University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston
2. Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York
3. Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota

Top Hospitals in Cardiology & Heart Surgery

1. Cleveland Clinic
2. Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota
3. New York-Presbyterian University Hospital of Columbia and Cornell, New York

Top Hospitals in Orthopaedics

1. Hospital for Special Surgery, New York
2. Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota
3. Cleveland Clinic

The full list of national rankings in 16 specialities is available at www.usnews.com/best-hospitals.

U.S. News first began publishing hospital rankings in 1990. The Washington, D.C.-based news and information company focuses on Health, Education, Personal Finance, Travel, Cars and News & Opinion, providing consumer advice, rankings, news and analysis to serve people making complex decisions throughout all stages of life. Some 30 million people visit the company's website (www.usnews.com) each month for research and guidance.

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