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[Care Compare](#) reports information for over 4,000 hospitals nationwide, including Veterans Administration (VA) Medical Centers and Department of Defense (DoD) military hospitals. The website provides information for patients and caregivers on hospital care delivery and encourages hospitals to improve the quality of their care by publicly displaying quality information.

Users can compare performance across many common conditions. The Overall Hospital Quality Star Rating summarizes data from existing measures on Care Compare for each hospital to allow users to easily compare hospitals. With [Provider Data Catalog](#), users can explore and download hospital data, as well as data on ambulatory surgical centers, inpatient psychiatric facilities, and some cancer hospitals. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) updates the Care Compare website quarterly, though not all data are updated each quarter.

## **Data Updates**

On July 21, 2021, CMS updated data on the [Care Compare website](#) and on [Provider Data Catalog](#).

CMS updated data for the following measures and measure groups:

- Payment and value of care
- Timely and effective care
- Unplanned hospital visits
- Complications and deaths, including surgical complications, infections, and 30-day death rates

CMS updated the following quality reporting and payment programs:

- Outpatient and Ambulatory Surgery Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (OAS CAHPS) Survey for ambulatory surgical centers and hospital outpatient departments
- Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting (ASCQR) Program
- Prospective Payment System-Exempt Cancer Hospital Quality Reporting (PCHQR) Program
- Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement (CJR) model

Beginning in July, Department of Defense (DoD) hospitals will now report the Clostridium difficile (C.diff.) infections (HAI-6).

Veterans Administration (VA) hospitals will now report the following measures: Rate of complications for hip and knee replacement patients (COMP-HIP-KNEE) and 30-day rate of readmission for hip and knee replacement patients (READM-30-HIP-KNEE).

Beginning in July, CMS will no longer report the following measures on Care Compare that were removed with the [CY2019 Outpatient Prospective Payment System Final Rule](#):

- Timely and Effective Care
  - OP-9: Mammography follow-up rates
  - OP-11: Thorax CT - use of contrast material
  - OP-14: Simultaneous use of brain computed tomography (CT) and sinus CT
  - American College of Surgeons (ACS) National Surgical Quality Improvement Program (NSQIP)

### **More Information and Other Compare Websites**

For more information on Care Compare, please

visit: <https://www.medicare.gov/hospitalcompare/search.html>

For general questions regarding Hospital Public Reporting go to the [QualityNet Question and Answer Tool](#).