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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [Care Compare](#) website provides consumers with information on over 100 quality measures for over 4,000 hospitals nationwide, including Veterans Administration (VA) medical centers and Department of Defense (DoD) military hospitals. The Overall Hospital Quality Star Rating summarizes data from existing measures on Care Compare for each hospital to allow users to easily compare hospitals. Patients and caregivers can also compare hospitals' performance for many common conditions.

With the [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. Publicly displaying quality information encourages hospitals and other health care facilities to make continued improvements in care.

CMS updates the data on Care Compare and the Provider Data Catalog websites quarterly, though not all data are updated each quarter.

## **Data Updates**

On October 27, 2021, CMS updated data on the [Care Compare website](#) and on the [Provider Data Catalog](#) for the following measures, measure groups, quality reporting programs and payment programs:

- Timely and effective care
- Healthcare associated infections
- Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) Survey (includes data on Medicare-certified hospitals, VA medical centers, and Department of Defense [DoD] hospitals)
- 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

## **More Information**

For more information on Care Compare, please visit: <https://www.medicare.gov/care-compare>.

For general questions regarding Hospital Public Reporting, measures and data reported on Care Compare and the Provider Data Catalog, go to the [QualityNet Question and Answer Tool](#).