

# Quality Briefing

## Health Care Ratings Comparison Chart



Health care rating systems provide information about the safety and quality of health care facilities, such as hospitals, nursing homes, and others. There are many ratings systems available and each one provides different information, or data, about a facility.

You should check more than one rating system to review the information that is important to you. To help you get started, below is a chart comparing a few health care rating systems.

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	Leapfrog Safety Grade	Leapfrog Survey Ratings	U.S. News & World Report	CMS Star Ratings	Healthgrades	Lown Institute
<b>Patient Population</b>						
General	×	×		×	×	×
By Specific Conditions		×	×		×	
<b>Ratings Assigned</b>						
Top Performers Only			×		×	
All Performers: High & Low	×	×		×		×
<b>Target Audience</b>						
Consumers	×	×	×	×	×	×
Employers & Purchasers	×	×				×
<b>Eligible Facilities</b>						
General Acute-Care Hospitals	×	×	×	×	×	×
Specialty & Acute Care Hospitals		×	×		×	
Ambulatory Surgery Centers		×	×			
Nursing Homes, Hospice Care, Dialysis Facilities				×		
<b>How Often Results Are Released</b>						
Once Per Year			×		×	×
Twice Per Year	×			×		
Multiple Times Per Year		×				