

Safety Ratings for New York-area hospitals

Our Ratings are based on four key measures of hospital safety.

Hospital infections. This is based on data that hospitals submit to New York State on the the two most common, and potentially deadly, hospital-acquired infections: central-line-bloodstream infections, which are usually caused by a mishandling of the catheters used to deliver fluids, medication, and nutrition to patients in intensive-care units; and surgical-site infections, which are infections that occur within 30 days of most surgical procedures or, in the case of implants, within a year. The Rating reflects the worst of the two scores.

Readmissions. This is based on billing data analyzed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. A hospital's rating reflects the likelihood that a patient hospitalized because of heart attack, heart failure, or pneumonia will have to be readmitted to a hospital within 30 days of his or her initial discharge. The need for such readmission can indicate that a patient may have been sent home too early or wasn't given appropriate discharge instructions or follow-up care.

Discharge instructions. This Rating is based on a survey, the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems, that hospitals are required to ask a sample of patients and then report to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. We looked at the percentage of patients who said they were given clear information before going home, such as what symptoms to watch out for and what kind of medical help they might need once they got home. Such steps can reduce the risk of readmissions.

Medication instructions. This is based on the same survey as for discharge instructions. We looked at the percentage of patients who said they were told the purpose of the drugs they were prescribed while in the hospital and the possible side effects. Poor communication can increase the risk of drug errors, one of the most common causes of mistakes in the hospital.

Hospital	Percent difference from national average		Infections	Readmissions	Communication about discharge	Communication about medications
	Worse than average	Better than average				
St. Francis Hospital, Roslyn, N.Y.	22		○	●	○	●
Peconic Bay Medical Center, Riverhead, N.Y.	12		●	●	●	●
St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston, N.J.	8		●	●	●	●
Glen Cove Hospital, Glen Cove, N.Y.	4		●	●	●	●
Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick, N.J.	0		○	●	●	●
St. Charles Hospital, Port Jefferson, N.Y.	1		○	●	○	●
John T. Mather Memorial Hospital, Port Jefferson, N.Y.	5		●	●	○	●
Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville, N.J.	9		●	●	●	●
NYU Langone Medical Center, New York City	10		○	○	●	●
Northern Westchester Hospital, Mount Kisco, N.Y.	10		●	●	●	●
Hudson Valley Hospital Center, Cortlandt Manor, N.Y.	11		●	●	●	●
Winthrop-University Hospital, Mineola, N.Y.	12		○	●	●	●
Southside Hospital, Bay Shore, N.Y.	12		○	●	●	●
Christ Hospital, Jersey City, N.J.	13		●	●	●	●
Stony Brook University Medical Center, Stony Brook, N.Y.	13		●	●	●	●
Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center, West Islip, N.Y.	14		●	●	●	●
Mountainside Hospital, Montclair, N.J.	17		●	●	●	●
University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-University Hospital, Newark, N.J.	17		●	●	●	●
White Plains Hospital Center, White Plains, N.Y.	17		○	●	●	●
East Orange General Hospital, East Orange, N.J.	17		●	●	●	●
New York-Presbyterian Hospital, New York City	18		○	●	●	●
Huntington Hospital, Huntington, N.Y.	19		●	○	●	●
St. Peter's University Hospital, New Brunswick, N.J.	23		○	●	●	●
St. Catherine of Siena Medical Center, Smithtown, N.Y.	24		●	●	●	●
South Nassau Communities Hospital, Oceanside, N.Y.	24		●	●	●	●
Phelps Memorial Hospital Center, Sleepy Hollow, N.Y.	24		●	○	●	●
New York Downtown Hospital, New York City	25		●	●	●	●
St. Joseph Hospital, Bethpage, N.Y.	26		●	●	●	●
North Shore University Hospital, Manhasset, N.Y.	26		○	●	●	●
Long Island Jewish Medical Center, New Hyde Park, N.Y.	26		○	●	●	●
Staten Island University Hospital, Staten Island, N.Y.	27		○	●	●	●
Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, Newark, N.J.	29		○	●	●	●
St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital, Newburgh, N.Y.	29		●	●	●	●
Somerset Medical Center, Somerville, N.J.	29		○	●	●	●
Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy, N.J.	30		○	●	●	●
Mount Sinai Hospital, New York City	31		○	●	●	●
Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Rahway, Rahway, N.J.	32		○	●	●	●
University Medical Center at Princeton, Princeton, N.J.	33		●	●	●	●
LibertyHealth-Jersey City Medical Center, Jersey City, N.J.	33		●	●	●	●
SUNY Downstate Medical Center University Hospital of Brooklyn, Brooklyn, N.Y.	34		●	●	●	●
Beth Israel Medical Center, New York City	37		○	●	●	●
Richmond University Medical Center, Staten Island, N.Y.	37		●	●	●	●
Lutheran Medical Center, Brooklyn, N.Y.	37		○	●	●	●
Bellevue Hospital Center, New York City	38		●	●	●	●
North Shore University Hospital at Plainview, Plainview, N.Y.	38		●	●	●	●
Interfaith Medical Center, Brooklyn, N.Y.	39		○	●	●	●
Maimonides Medical Center, Brooklyn, N.Y.	39		●	●	●	●
Franklin Hospital, Valley Stream, N.Y.	40		○	●	●	●
Westchester Medical Center, Valhalla, N.Y.	40		●	●	●	●
Southampton Hospital, Southampton, N.Y.	41		●	●	●	●
Mercy Medical Center, Rockville Centre, N.Y.	41		●	●	●	●
St. Barnabas Hospital, Bronx, N.Y.	42		○	●	●	●
Orange Regional Medical Center, Middletown, N.Y.	42		●	●	●	●
Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center Health Care System, Bronx, N.Y.	42		○	●	●	●
Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Medical Center, Patchogue, N.Y.	43		●	●	●	●
Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Elizabeth, N.J.	43		●	●	●	●
New York Hospital Queens, Queens, N.Y.	43		○	●	●	●
Brooklyn Hospital Center, Brooklyn, N.Y.	44		○	●	●	●
Harlem Hospital Center, New York City	46		●	●	●	●
JFK Medical Center, Edison, N.J.	46		●	●	●	●
New York Methodist Hospital, Brooklyn, N.Y.	47		○	●	●	●
Montefiore Medical Center, Bronx, N.Y.	47		○	●	●	●
St. John's Episcopal Hospital-South Shore, Queens, N.Y.	48		●	●	●	●
St. Michael's Medical Center, Newark, N.J.	48		○	●	●	●
New York Community Hospital, Brooklyn, N.Y.	48		○	●	●	●
Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center, Bronx, N.Y.	48		●	●	●	●
Sound Shore Medical Center of Westchester, New Rochelle, N.Y.	49		●	●	●	●
St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center, New York City	50		○	●	●	●
Flushing Hospital Medical Center, Queens, N.Y.	52		●	●	●	●
New York Westchester Square Medical Center, Bronx, N.Y.	53		●	●	●	●
Brookdale Hospital Medical Center, Brooklyn, N.Y.	53		●	●	●	●
Coney Island Hospital, Brooklyn, N.Y.	54		●	●	●	●
Jamaica Hospital Medical Center, Queens, N.Y.	57		●	●	●	●
Kings County Hospital Center, Brooklyn, N.Y.	57		●	●	●	●
Lawrence Hospital Center, Bronxville, N.Y.	57		●	●	●	●
Wyckoff Heights Medical Center, Brooklyn, N.Y.	59		●	●	●	●
St. John's Riverside Hospital, Yonkers, N.Y.	62		●	●	●	●
St. Joseph's Medical Center, Yonkers, N.Y.	62		●	●	●	●
Forest Hills Hospital, Queens, N.Y.	62		●	●	●	●
Nassau University Medical Center, East Meadow, N.Y.	63		○	●	●	●
Jacobi Medical Center, Bronx, N.Y.	68		●	●	●	●