

## How to Read the Ratings on the Select Health Care Measures

Hospital ratings are based on comparison of a hospital to the average of hospitals across the U.S. Outcomes can be better than the national average, the same as the national average or worse than the national average. The rating assigned to a hospital is statistically significant, meaning that the results are not due to chance. A risk adjustment is also made to calculate each hospital's score, because some hospitals may care for sicker patients than other hospitals and this is considered when calculating that hospital score.

### Statistically Same Comparisons

If a hospital's risk-adjusted rate is not statistically different from other hospital rates, the hospital does not have a better or worse score than other hospitals for that quality measure. This will be noted by a statistically same icon:



### Statistically Better Comparisons

If a hospital's risk-adjusted rate is statistically better than other hospital rates for that quality measure, it will be noted by a statistically better icon:



### Statistically Worse Comparisons

If a hospital's risk-adjusted rate is statistically worse than other hospital rates for that quality measure, it will be noted by a statistically worse icon:



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