

## Key Quality Measures Top Performers



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The newly released report *America's Hospitals: Improving Quality and Safety: The Joint Commission's Annual Report 2015* summarises data on 49 accountability measures by more than 3300 Joint Commission-accredited hospitals in 2014.

The report shows the performance of these hospitals on evidence-based care processes for the treatment of various conditions including heart attack, pneumonia and stroke. It reveals 1043 hospitals that have performed exceptionally well on these care processes and have received special recognition as a Top Performer on Key Quality Measures®.

Mark R. Chassin, MD, FACP, MPP, MPH, president and CEO, The Joint Commission explains that the Top Performer hospitals have achieved tremendous improvement and reliability on many of the measures and have demonstrated how to achieve and sustain excellent levels of performance. He points out that this is a celebration of their success and the giant strides that American hospitals continue to make towards becoming more reliable.

This programme provides greater transparency to the public with respect to the performance of these hospitals and helps identify which have performed extraordinarily well on specific measures of quality. This is not just a rating of all aspects of care but instead takes into account specific measures for heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia, perinatal care, surgical care, children's asthma care, inpatient psychiatric services, venous thromboembolism (VTE) care, stroke care, immunisation, tobacco treatment and substance use, and inpatient psychiatric services.

The results are based on the following Key Quality Measures:

- Cumulative performance of 95 percent or above across all reported accountability measures;
- Performance of 95 percent or above on each and every reported accountability measure with at least 30 denominator cases; and
- At least one core measure set that had a composite rate of 95 percent or above, and within that measure set, achieve a performance rate of 95 percent or above on all applicable individual accountability measures.

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