Joint Commission Recognizes 1,043 Hospitals for Outstanding Performance on Key Quality Measures

Top Performer Hospitals are listed in this year’s Annual Report


The 2014 data shows how well hospitals are performing on evidence-based care processes for the treatment of conditions such as heart attack, pneumonia and stroke. The report also includes the recognition of 1,043 hospitals—31.5 percent—that are performing exceptionally well on these patient care processes, earning them special recognition as a Top Performer on Key Quality Measures® for 2014 data.

“Led by this year’s Top Performer hospitals, Joint Commission-accredited hospitals have achieved tremendous improvement and reliability on many of the measures reported over the past five years. These Top Performer hospitals are demonstrating how to achieve and sustain superb levels of performance in delivering evidence-based treatments,” says Mark R. Chassin, MD, FACP, MPP, MPH, president and CEO, The Joint Commission. “Today we celebrate the successes that represent improvements in the quality of patient care at Joint Commission-accredited hospitals across this country. America’s hospitals continue to make dramatic strides toward becoming more reliable and we are proud to be their partner in doing so.”

The Top Performer program is a way to provide transparency to the public in the reporting of performance at the hospitals where they receive care. It identifies hospitals with extraordinary performance on specific, important measures of quality; however, it is not a rating of all aspects of care provided in those hospitals. The designation is based on performance related to
accountability measures for heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia, perinatal care, surgical care, children’s asthma care, inpatient psychiatric services, venous thromboembolism (VTE) care, stroke care and immunization. This year’s report added accountability measure sets for tobacco treatment and substance use, as well as a measure to the inpatient psychiatric services measure set.

Requirements to become a 2014 Top Performer on Key Quality Measures:

- Achieve cumulative performance of 95 percent or above across all reported accountability measures;
- Achieve performance of 95 percent or above on each and every reported accountability measure with at least 30 denominator cases; and
- Have 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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