

METHODOLOGY

World's Best Specialized Hospitals 2026

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Summary of the project

- The World's Best Specialized Hospitals 2026 ranking awards the leading hospitals worldwide in 12 medical fields: Cardiac Surgery, Cardiology, Endocrinology, Gastroenterology, Neurology, Neurosurgery, Oncology, Orthopedics, Pediatrics, Pulmonology, Urology and Obstetrics & Gynecology.
- The ranking features the top 300 hospitals for Cardiology and Oncology, the top 250 for Pediatrics, the top 150 for Cardiac Surgery, Endocrinology, Gastroenterology, Pulmonology, Neurology, Orthopedics and, the top 125 for Neurosurgery, and Urology and Obstetrics & Gynecology.

The underlying data analysis is based on three **pillars**:

1. **Worldwide online survey:** From May to July 2025, medical professionals (doctors, health care professionals and hospital managers) worldwide recommended hospitals based on their primary and optional secondary medical expertise.
 2. **Accreditation data:** Relevant hospital accreditations and certifications were analyzed to assess structural and quality standards.
 3. **Statista PROMS Implementation Survey:** Hospitals received a score based on data submitted via an annual survey on their implementation of Patient Reported Outcome Measures (PROMs).
- Hospitals with expertise in multiple medical fields received separate recommendations for each specialty. Moreover, accreditation data and the PROMs Implementation Survey were evaluated individually for each specialty. As a result, a hospital could be represented in multiple rankings, based on its performance across the respective data pillars in each specialty.

Hospital evaluation is based on three pillars, ranging from peer evaluations, accreditations to PROMs implementation

Data sources



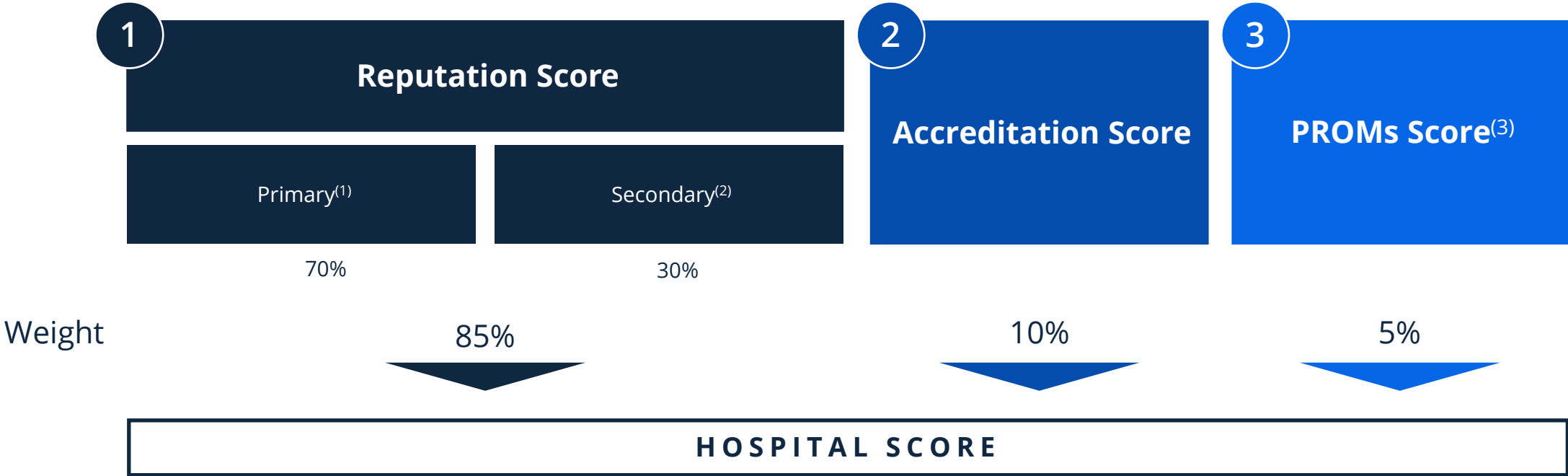
New features and changes in the 2026 edition

- The following list provides a brief overview of all **major updates in this year's edition** compared to the 2025 ranking:
 - **Inclusion of additional accreditations, certifications and center designations (Examples)⁽¹⁾:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Accreditation Canada International– ANCC Magnet (ANCC)– Asociación Argentina del Trauma Ortopédico (AATO)– Australian Council on Healthcare Standard International (ACHS International)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– ENETS Centers of Excellence (CoE) (Neuroendocrine Tumor (NET) Center of Excellence)– Japan Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW)– Organisation of European Cancer Institute (OECI)– Planetree
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 - **Increased certification & PROMs implementation weighting:** This year, the weighting of the certification and PROMs implementation pillar was increased within the scoring model, reflecting the growing emphasis on standardized care quality and patient-centered outcome measurement.
 - **Updated Statista PROMs Implementation Survey:** The survey, eligibility thresholds, and display of participating hospitals have been updated.
 - **Inclusion of previous year's recommendation data:** To ensure continuity in reputational assessment, recommendation data from the preceding two years was integrated into the reputation pillar.
 - **Decrease in reputation weighting:** This year the weighting of the overall reputation pillar decreased as more emphasis is put on quality metrics data sourced from accreditations, certifications, and PROMs implementation.

A score was calculated for each hospital

Scoring model



5 | (1) Recommendations from peers for primary medical field
(2) Recommendations from peers for secondary medical field (peers with knowledge in more than one medical field)
(3) Optional score only factored in upon voluntary submission of the Statista PROMs Implementation Survey

Thousands of medical experts were invited to the survey

1 Hospital recommendations from peers

From May to July 2025, Statista invited medical professionals (doctors, hospital managers and other healthcare professionals) to an online survey. Participants were asked to recommend hospitals based on their expertise in one primary medical field (e.g., Cardiology for Cardiologists) and were able to choose an optional secondary area of expertise.



International online survey among healthcare professionals. Participants were invited via e-mail to an online survey. The survey was also promoted on [newsweek.com](https://www.newsweek.com).



Participants were asked to recommend hospitals in **their own field of expertise** and were able to recommend hospitals in a secondary field. Participants had the opportunity to name a **standout specialty** for the list of Pediatrics.⁽¹⁾ Recommendations for own employer / hospital were not allowed.



Analysis of **primary and secondary recommendations** across the 12 medical fields. A score was assigned to each hospital based on the number of weighted recommendations. Recommendations from the 2024 and 2023 survey period were given less weight compared to those from 2025. Additionally, the professional experience of the participant was considered.

Accreditations and certifications were incorporated as a proxy for quality metrics within the scoring model

Accreditation Score

2 Accreditations

- Various accreditations/certifications/center designations were included in the scoring analysis (where available).
- **General health quality standards:** International and national hospital accreditations reflecting overall quality, safety, and health infrastructure were included where available; a full list is in appendix 1.
- **Specialty-specific accreditations and certifications:** Field-specific credentials and center designations (both international and national), such as those for advanced cardiac or orthopedic care, were used to assess expertise and specialization relevant to the subspecialty rankings; a full list is in appendix 2.

Specialty-related accreditations⁽¹⁾ included were for example:

- Deutsche Krebsgesellschaft (DKG)
- Organisation of European Cancer Institute (OECI)
- Asociación Argentina del Trauma Ortopédico (AATO)
- National Association of Epilepsy Centers (NAEC)

General hospital quality accreditations⁽²⁾ included were for example:

- Planetree
- French National Authority for Health (HAS)
- ANCC Magnet (ANCC)
- Japan Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW)

ACCREDITATION SCORE

The Statista PROMs Implementation Survey collects data directly from hospitals

PROMs Implementation Survey

3 Statista PROMs Implementation Survey

- ➔ **Patient-Reported Outcome Measures (PROMs)** are defined as standardized, validated questionnaires completed by patients to measure their perception of their functional well-being and quality of life.
- ➔ **Survey cycle:** In fall/winter of each year, Newsweek and Statista conduct the **PROMs Implementation Survey**⁽¹⁾ to determine the status quo of PROMs implementation, auditing and reporting of the data, and whether the PROMs data is used to optimize care process and support therapeutic decisions in real-time. Hospitals which participated in the survey received a PROMs implementation score.
- ➔ Statista has partnered with the **International Consortium for Health Outcomes Measurement** (ICHOM, www.ichom.org) as a knowledge partner. ICHOM is the world's leading non-profit organization dedicated to the development of standardized measurement of patient-important outcomes (including PROMs). ICHOM promotes the development of the PROMs Implementation Survey, as well as the use of the data from PROMs (and other patient-important outcomes), towards the advancement of value-based healthcare.
- ➔ A **grading system** for the different questions was built to determine a **PROMs implementation score** for each participating hospital. Only hospitals that achieved a **minimum of 50%** (of the maximum 100% score) were eligible to be graded and received a maximum of up to 5% towards the total score.
- ➔ Future survey cycles will be announced on r.statista.com, newsweek.com, and via e-mail to registered participants. Registrations can be submitted to: hospitals@statista.com or [here](#).

SCORE FOR PROMS IMPLEMENTATION

A global board of renowned experts supports the continuous development of the methodology



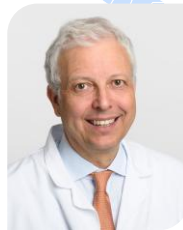
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The top hospitals in each medical field were awarded




Final ranking by specialties



Rank	Hospital	City	Country	PROMS survey
1	Cleveland Clinic	Cleveland	United States of America	
2	Mayo Clinic – Rochester	Rochester	United States of America	
3	Massachusetts General Hospital	Boston	United States of America	
4	The Johns Hopkins Hospital	Baltimore	United States of America	
5	Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin	Berlin	Germany	

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4	The Johns Hopkins Hospital	Baltimore	United States of America	
5	Cleveland Clinic	Cleveland	United States of America	

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LEADING HOSPITALS WERE AWARDED IN EACH SPECIALTY


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The rankings are comprised exclusively of hospitals that are eligible regarding the scope described in this document. The ranking is the result of an elaborate process which, due to the interval of data-collection and analysis, is a reflection of the last 12 months. Furthermore, events preceding or following the period July 01, 2024 – July 01, 2025, and/or pertaining to individual persons affiliated/associated to the facilities were not included in the metrics. As such, the results of this ranking should not be used as the sole source of information for future deliberations.

The information provided in this ranking should be considered in conjunction with other available information about hospitals or, if possible, accompanied by a visit to a facility. The quality of hospitals that are not included in the rankings is not disputed.

Appendix 1:

Accreditations & certifications

Specialty-specific accreditations: ⁽¹⁾

1. Accreditation Canada ⁽²⁾: Data was available for oncology
2. Accreditation Commission for Health Care International (ACHC International): Data was available for neurology and oncology ⁽²⁾
3. Asociación Argentina de Ortopedia y Traumatología (AAOT)
4. Asociación Argentina del Trauma Ortopédico (AATO)
5. Australian Council on Healthcare Standard International (ACHS International) ⁽²⁾: Data was available for pediatrics, cardiology, and oncology
6. Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) ⁽²⁾: Data was available for pediatrics, orthopedics, and neurology
7. Deutsche Krebsgesellschaft (DKG)
8. Det Norske Veritas (DNV) ⁽²⁾: Data was available for oncology, endocrinology, orthopedics, cardiology, cardiac surgery, neurology and neurosurgery
9. European Board of Urology (EBU)
10. European Neuroendocrine Tumor Society e.V. (ENETS) - Centers of Excellence (CoE)
11. European Society of Cardiology (ESC)
12. European Stroke Organization (ESO)
13. Foundation for the Accreditation of Cellular Therapy (FACT)
14. International Society of Orthopaedic Centers, Ltd. (ISOC)
15. Joint Commission International (JCI) and TJC (The Joint Commission) ⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾
16. National Association of Epilepsy Centers (NAEC)
17. NCI-Designated Cancer Centers
18. NIA-Designated Alzheimer's Centers
19. Organisation of European Cancer Institute (OECI)

Appendix 2:

Accreditations & certifications

General health quality accreditations: ⁽¹⁾

1. ANCC Magnet (ANCC)
2. Australian Council on Healthcare Standard (ACHS)
3. Planetree
4. French National Authority for Health (HAS)
5. Indonesian Commission on Accreditation of Hospital (KARS ICAHO)
6. Initiative Qualitätsmedizin (IQM)
7. Instituto Técnico para la Acreditación de Establecimientos de Salud (TAES)
8. Intersocietal Accreditation Commission (IAC)
9. Japan Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW)
10. Joint Commission of Taiwan (JCT)
11. Korea Institute for Healthcare Accreditation (KOIHA)
12. Malaysian Society for Quality in Health (MSQH)
13. National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare Providers (NABH)
14. Organização Nacional de Acreditação (ONA)
15. Organización para la Excelencia de la Salud (OES)
16. Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth)
17. Healthcare Accreditation Institute (HAI)
18. Programa de Acreditação em Diagnóstico por Imagem (PADI)
19. Qmentum Global by Accreditation Canada
20. Instituto para el Desarrollo e Integración de la Sanidad (IDIS)

Appendix 3:

Accreditations & certifications

JCI specialty specific certifications:

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| 1. Acute Coronary Syndrome | 17. Knee Replacement | 32. Shoulder Replacement |
| 2. Acute Ischemic Stroke | 18. Liver Cancer | 33. Traumatic Brain Injury |
| 3. Acute Myocardial Infarction | 19. Lumbar Decompression and Fixation | 34. Vaginal Birth after Cesarean |
| 4. Anterior Cruciate Ligament (ACL) | 20. Lung Cancer | 35. Ventricular Assist Device |
| 5. Bariatric Surgery | 21. Multiple Myeloma | 36. Ventricular Septal Defect |
| 6. Benign biliary Pathology | 22. Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus | |
| 7. Brain Cancer | 23. Orthogeriatric | |
| 8. Breast Cancer | 24. Outpatient Diabetes | |
| 9. Cervical Cancer | 25. Ovarian cancer | |
| 10. Cancer Center | 28. Pediatric Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery | |
| 11. Childhood Asthma | 29. Primary Stroke | |
| 12. Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) | 30. Prostate Cancer | |
| 13. Colon Cancer | 31. Rectal Cancer | |
| 14. Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting | | |
| 15. Diabetes Mellitus (Type 1 and Type 2) | | |
| 16. Joint Replacement (all types) | | |