

METHODOLOGY

World's Best Specialized Hospitals **2027**



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Summary of the project

- The World's Best Specialized Hospitals 2027 ranking awards the leading hospitals worldwide in 13 medical fields: **Cardiac Surgery, Cardiology, Endocrinology, Gastroenterology, Nephrology, 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 175 for Gastroenterology, the top 150 for Cardiac Surgery, Endocrinology, Pulmonology, Neurology, Orthopedics, the top 125 for Neurosurgery, Urology and Obstetrics & Gynecology, and the top 100 for Nephrology.

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

1. **Reputation:** From May to June 2026, medical professionals (doctors, health care professionals and hospital managers) worldwide recommended hospitals based on their primary clinical expertise, as well as their secondary clinical fields where relevant.
 2. **Accreditation:** Relevant hospital accreditations and certifications were analyzed to assess structural and quality standards.
 3. **PROMS Implementation:** 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 can be represented in multiple rankings, based on its performance across the respective data pillars in each specialty.

Hospital evaluation is based on three pillars of reputation, accreditations, and PROMs implementation

Data sources

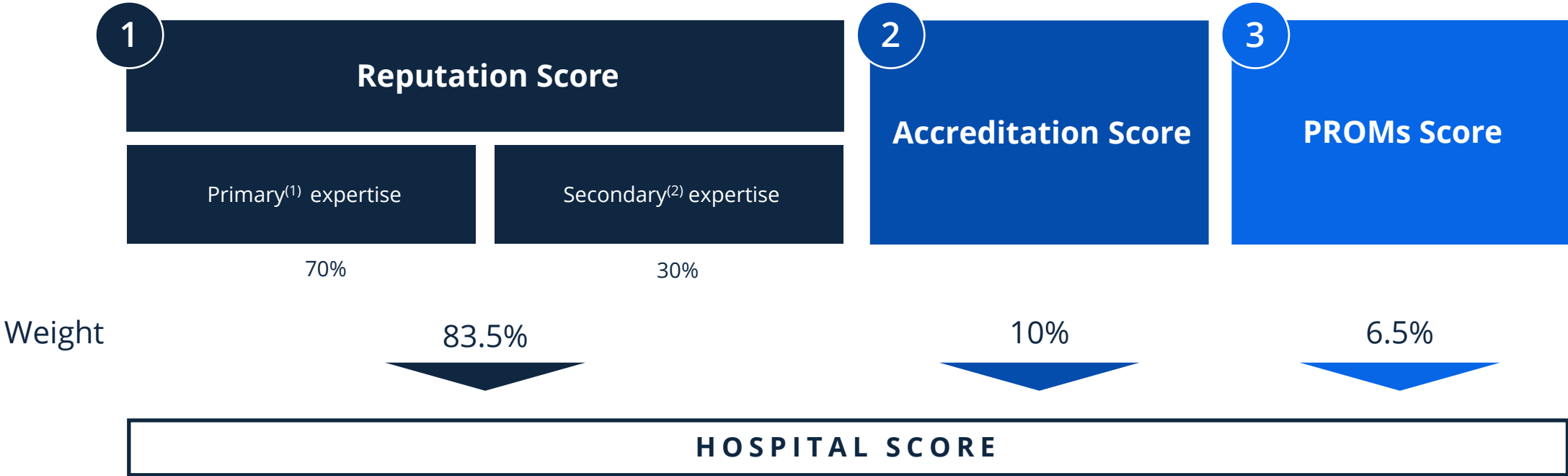


New features and changes in the 2027 edition

- The following list provides a brief overview of all **major updates in this year's edition** compared to the 2026 ranking:
 - **Expansion of medical scope:** To broaden the range of covered medical disciplines, Nephrology has been introduced as an additional specialty in this year's edition. The specialty encompasses the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of a wide range of renal disorders and contributes substantially to the management of patients with complex, multisystem diseases. Including Nephrology extends the study's coverage to an important area of clinical practice.
 - **Updated Statista PROMs Implementation Survey:** The survey and eligibility thresholds have been updated, and the presentation of participating hospitals' PROMs implementation recognition has been revised to reflect the updated survey structure and ribbon designation system.⁽¹⁾
 - **Increased weighting of the PROMs implementation pillar:** This year, the weighting of the PROMs implementation pillar was increased within the scoring model, reflecting the growing emphasis on patient-centered outcome measurement.
 - **Addition of accreditations:** The set of national and international accreditations and certifications included in the scoring model was expanded to include additional indicators of both overall and field-specific quality of care.
 - **Decrease in reputation weighting:** This year, the weighting of the overall reputation pillar decreased as more emphasis was placed on quality data from accreditations, certifications, and PROMs.

A score was calculated for each hospital

Scoring model



Reputation: An international peer survey was conducted to evaluate hospitals' global reputation

1 Hospital recommendations from peers

From May to June 2026, Statista invited medical professionals (doctors, hospital managers and other healthcare professionals) across 13 medical fields 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 optionally recommend hospitals in their secondary field of expertise. Invitations were sent by email, and the survey was also promoted on [newsweek.com](https://www.newsweek.com).



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 primary field of expertise** and were able to recommend hospitals in their secondary fields. Participants could also name a **standout specialty** for Pediatrics.⁽¹⁾ Recommendations for own employer / hospital were not allowed.



A reputation score was assigned to each hospital based on the number of **weighted recommendations**, with higher weights for recommendations within the participant's **primary medical field**. Recommendations from two previous survey editions were also incorporated, with more recent data given higher weights. Additionally, the participant's **professional experience** was considered.

Accreditations: International accreditations and specialty-related certifications were incorporated as a proxy for quality

Accreditation Score

2 Accreditation

- Various accreditations, certifications, and center designations were included in the scoring analysis (where available)⁽¹⁾
- **General health quality standards:** International and national hospital accreditations reflecting overall quality, safety, and health infrastructure were included where available.
- **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.
- As accreditation frameworks differ, internationally recognized and nationally established accreditation programs were considered to ensure **broad geographic applicability** while acknowledging regional differences in quality assurance systems.
- Accreditation measures were incorporated as **structural indicators of quality**, reflecting an organization's commitment to standardized clinical practices, patient safety, and continuous quality improvement.
- Accreditation status was verified using information published by the respective accreditation and certification organizations.

ACCREDITATION SCORE

PROMs implementation: The Statista PROMs Implementation Survey collects data directly from hospitals

PROMs Implementation Survey

4 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 in hospitals, the auditing and reporting of their PROMs data, and whether the data is used to optimize care processes and support therapeutic decisions in real-time.
- Statista has partnered with the **International Consortium for Health Outcomes Measurement (ICHOM)** as a knowledge partner. ICHOM is the world's leading non-profit organization dedicated to the development of standardized measurement of patient-important outcomes. 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.
- This year, the survey was updated to more comprehensively assess PROMs implementation across several domains and now requires extensive proof documentation⁽²⁾.
- A grading system⁽³⁾ assigning specific weights to all survey questions is used to determine the PROMs implementation score for each participating hospital. The PROMs score, if available, contributes up to 6.5% towards a hospital's total score.
- Additionally, each participating hospital is assigned 1-5 ribbons⁽²⁾ for their level of PROMs implementation, which is displayed in the published lists.
- Future survey cycles will be announced on rankings.statista.com and newsweek.com, as well as sent via e-mail to registered participants. Registrations can be submitted to: proms@ranking.statista-research.com or [here](#).

SCORE FOR PROMS IMPLEMENTATION

8 (1) For an overview of the specific questions, a PDF version of the PROMs Implementation Survey can be accessed [here](#).

(2) Please note that the survey methodology underwent substantial revision this survey cycle, including stricter proof requirements and a transition from a 3-ribbon to a 5-ribbon scoring scale. As a result, ribbon allocations may differ from previous years even in cases where hospitals have maintained comparable levels of PROMs implementation, as performance is now assessed across a broader and more detailed set of criteria. Please see the *World's Best Specialized Hospitals* extended methodology for further information.

(3) A detailed breakdown of the PROMs Implementation Survey methodology, including scoring model, weighting, and ribbon assignment is available in the extended methodology version.

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



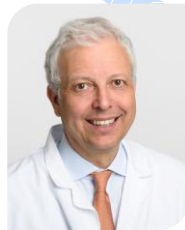
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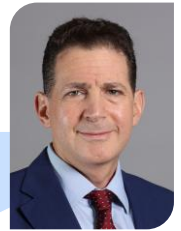
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The top hospitals in each medical field were awarded

Final ranking by specialties



Cardiology

Rank	Hospital	City	Country	PROMS survey
1	Cleveland Clinic	Cleveland	United States	
2	Mayo Clinic – Rochester	Rochester	United States	
3	Massachusetts General Hospital	Boston	United States	
4	The Mount Sinai Hospital	New York City	United States	
5	AP-HP - Hôpital Universitaire Pitié Salpêtrière	Paris	France	

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Neurology

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

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LEADING HOSPITALS WERE AWARDED IN EACH SPECIALTY

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Partner Network



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Disclaimer

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, 2025 – July 01, 2026, 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.

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