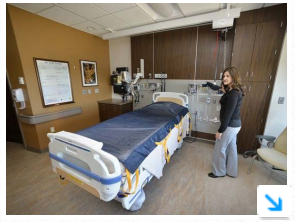


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# St. Cloud Hospital makes top 100 list in U.S. study

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St. Cloud Hospital has been named a top 100 hospital by a national study that uses independent and quantitative research to identify U.S. hospitals with best overall performance.

It won in the teaching hospitals category in a study done by Truven Health Analytics.

St. Cloud Hospital is one of seven Minnesota hospitals with the top 100 distinction.

The hospital has been on the list nine times, most recently in 2009.

The hospitals on this list generally have fewer patient complications and lower mortality rates than hospitals not on the list, according to the study. They also generally keep expenses low, send patients home sooner and score better on patient satisfaction surveys.

The study looks at independent public data, proprietary, risk-adjusted and peer-reviewed methodology and key performance metrics to create the list.

It evaluates on measures of overall organizational performance, including patient care, operational efficiency and financial stability. It compares hospitals only against similar facilities in terms of size and teaching status.

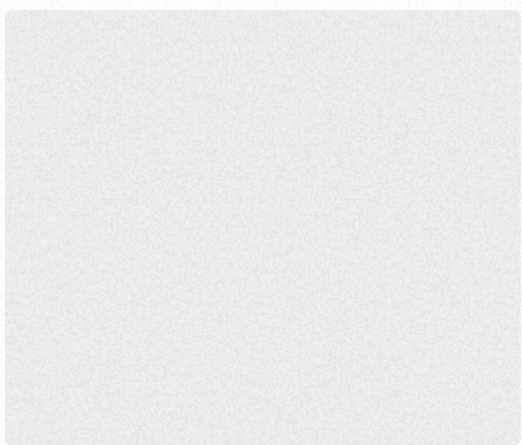
Hospitals do not apply for the list and winners do not pay to market the honor. The study has been in existence since 1993.

The other Minnesota hospitals on the list are:

- Abbott Northwestern, teaching hospital category.
- Mercy Hospital in Coon Rapids, large community hospital category.
- Maple Grove Hospital, medium community hospital category.
- Buffalo Hospital, small community hospital category.
- St. Francis Regional Medical Center in Shakopee, small community hospital category.
- Woodwinds Health, Woodbury, small community hospital category.

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