



America's Best Ambulatory Surgery Centers 2023

Methodology

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Summary of the project

- The 3rd edition of **America’s Best Ambulatory Surgery Centers** awards the leading 510 ambulatory surgery centers (ASC) in the US based on quality of care, performance data and peer recommendations, relative to in-state competition.
- Included ambulatory surgery centers operate exclusively for the purpose of providing surgical services to patients not requiring hospitalization and in which expected duration of services would not exceed 24 hours following an admission.⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾
- For the first time, ambulatory surgery centers from **all US states were included in the survey.**
- The 25 states with the most facilities according to the U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) were surveyed individually. The remaining states were grouped into 4 regions. ASCs from these states were considered accordingly.
- Over 5,000 ambulatory surgery centers were analyzed, resulting in a varying number of ASCs awarded per state: California had 85 ambulatory surgery centers awarded, while Mississippi is represented with 4 ambulatory surgery centers.
- The list is based on **two data sources**:
 1. **Online survey by state:** During the survey period from August to September 2022, thousands of medical professionals (medical doctors/surgeons, registered nurses, nursing assistants, therapists) and staff working in the management/administration in ambulatory surgery centers, were invited to an online survey in cooperation with Newsweek.
 2. **KPI Data:** Based on the Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting (ASCQR) Program by the U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

⁽¹⁾ An unanticipated medical circumstance may arise that would require an ASC patient to stay in the ASC longer than 24 hours, but such situations should be rare.

⁽²⁾ Source: [U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services](#)

A score was calculated for each Ambulatory Surgery Center

Scoring Model

National Online Survey

Recommendations

Quality Score

Covid-19 Score

Quality Measures

70%

20%

10%

100%

Reputation Score

KPI Data Score

Weight

67%

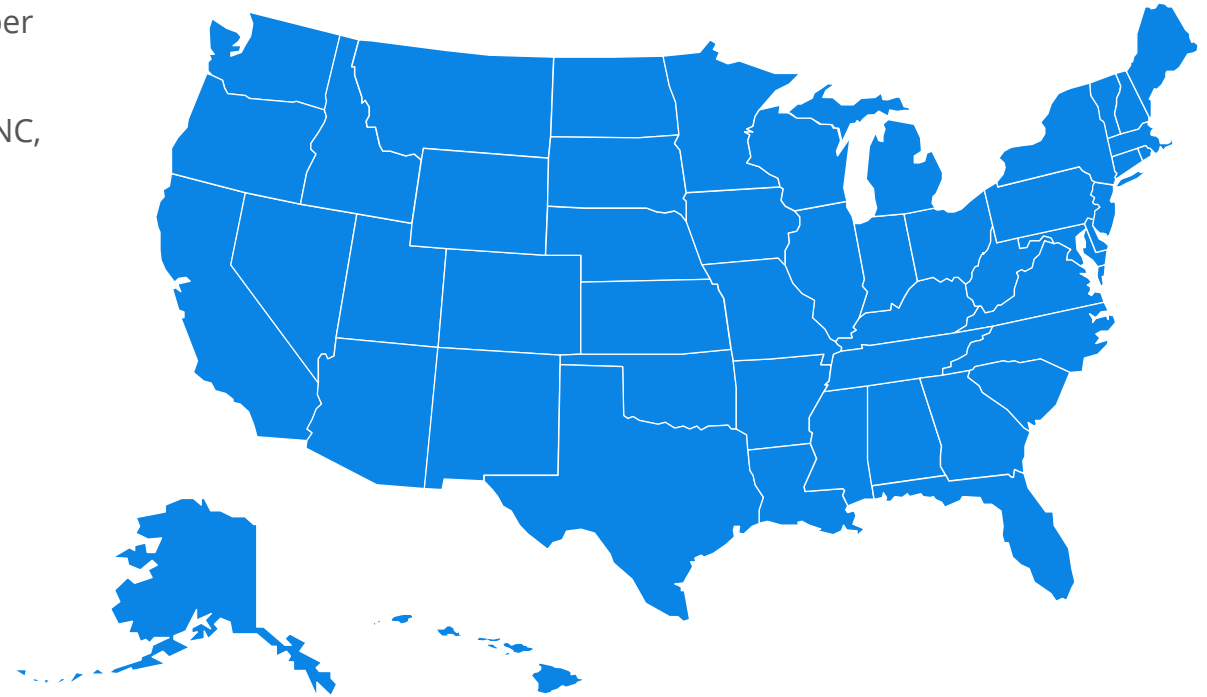
33%

SCORE FOR EACH AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTER

For the first time, Ambulatory Surgery Centers from all US States were eligible for the ranking

Geographical distribution

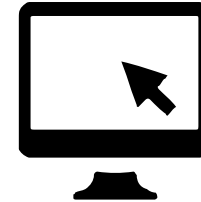
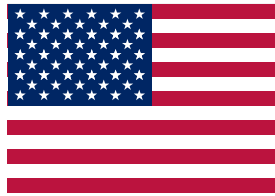
- Ambulatory surgery centers from 25 states with the highest number of these centers were included in the survey:
 - AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, NJ, NY, NC, OH, OR, PA, SC, TN, TX, WA, WI
- All remaining states were divided into 4 regions:
 - **Northeast:** CT, DE, ME, MA, ME, NH, RI, VT
 - **Midwest:** IA, NE, ND, SD
 - **West:** AK, HI, ID, MT, NM, NV, UT, WY
 - **South:** AL, AR, KY, OK, VA, WV



4,000+ medical experts with knowledge about Ambulatory Surgery Centers were invited to the survey

National online survey by state

- From August to September 2022, Statista invited over 4,000 medical professionals (medical doctors/surgeons, registered nurses, nursing assistants, therapists) and staff working in the management/administration in ambulatory surgery centers to an online survey.



Online survey by state among medical professionals and managers/administrators working in ambulatory surgery centers. Participants were invited via e-mail. For participation on newsweek.com, email verification was mandatory.

Participants were asked to recommend at least three and up to ten notable ambulatory surgery centers in their respective state. Recommendations for their own employer were not allowed.

Recommendations received different weights depending on the order in which they were given, with the first recommendation being assigned the highest weight and the tenth best facility receiving the lowest weight. A score was assigned to each facility based on the number of weighted recommendations.

RECOMMENDATIONS CONSTITUTE 70% OF THE REPUTATION SCORE

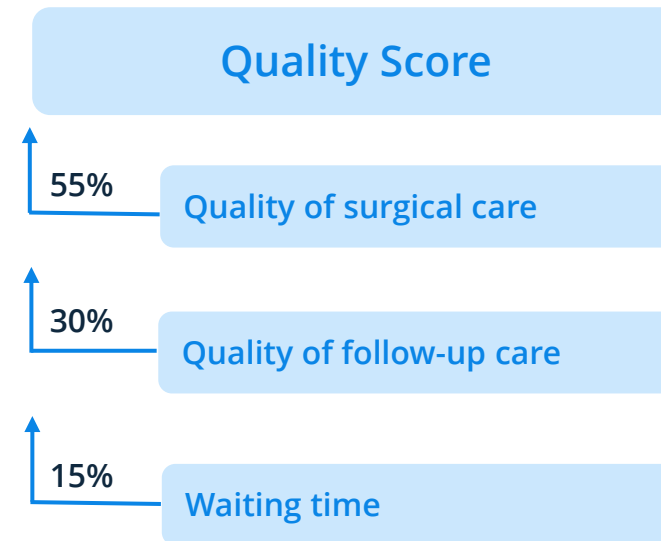
A Quality Score and Covid-19 Score were calculated for each recommended Ambulatory Surgery Center

Quality Score and Covid-19 Score

CALCULATION OF QUALITY SCORE AND COVID-19 SCORE

- For each recommended ambulatory surgery center participants were asked to rate four quality dimensions on a scale from 1 ("Poor") to 10 ("Excellent"): Management in times of the COVID-19 crisis, Management of waiting time, Quality of surgical care and Quality of follow-up care
- The first category was used to calculate the **COVID-19 score** that accounts for **10% of the overall reputation score**
- Based on the other three dimensions, a quality score was assigned to each facility, which **accounts for 20% of the overall reputation score**

WEIGHTS OF QUALITY DIMENSIONS



QUALITY AND COVID-19 SCORES CONSTITUTE A TOTAL OF 30% OF REPUTATION SCORE

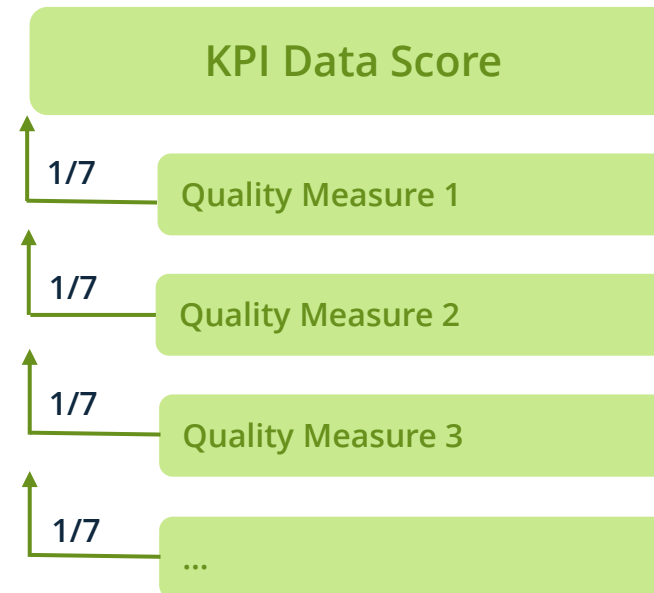
A KPI Data Score was calculated for each Ambulatory Surgery Center

KPI Data Score

QUALITY MEASURES

- The U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services provides data on ASCs in the Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾.
- The following measures are included:
 - Measure 1: Endoscopy/Polyp Surveillance: Appropriate Follow-up Interval for Normal Colonoscopy in Average Risk Patients
 - Measure 2: Cataracts: Improvement in Patient's Visual Function within 90 Days Following Cataract Surgery
 - Measure 3: Facility 7-Day-Risk-Standardized Hospital Visit Rate after Outpatient Colonoscopy
 - Measure 4: Normothermia Outcome
 - Measure 5: Unplanned Anterior Vitrectomy
 - Measure 6: Hospital Visits after Orthopedic ASC Procedures
 - Measure 7: Hospital Visits after Urology ASC Procedures

WEIGHTS OF KPI DATA



THE KPI DATA SCORE CONSTITUTES 33% OF THE TOTAL SCORE

⁽¹⁾The [Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting](#) is based on the most recently released dataset, which considered performance data for calendar year 2020 (last updated July 7, 2022). Please find more detailed information on the KPIs [here](#).

⁽²⁾To receive a KPI Score, a center must have reported a minimum of 2 measures within the reporting period. If centers reported fewer measures, the rating for these centers is based on the reputation survey score only.

As a result, 510 ambulatory surgery centers with the highest score were awarded

Final Ambulatory Surgery Center Score

California

State Rank	Facility	Score	City
1	Cedars Sinai - 90210 Surgery Medical Center	95.95	Beverly Hills
2	UCLA Health - Ambulatory Surgery Center Westwood	87.01	Los Angeles
3	SCA Health - UCSD Center for Surgery of Encinitas	86.11	Encinitas
4	SCA Health - Surgical Center of San Diego	84.23	San Diego
5	Hoag Endoscopy Center	84.17	Newport Beach

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Florida

State Rank	Facility	Score	City
1	Coral Gables Surgery Center	88.08	Miami
2	USF Health - The Surgery Center at TGH Brandon Healthplex	83.99	Tampa
3	SCA Health - Boca Raton Outpatient Surgery & Laser Center	83.89	Boca Raton
4	Florida Medical Clinic - North Tampa	83.78	Tampa
5	SCA Health - Sand Lake Surgery Center	83.67	Orlando

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LEADING AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTERS WERE AWARDED

Overview of involved parties

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