

METHODOLOGY

America's Best Ambulatory Surgery Centers 2024



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Summary of the project

- The 4th edition of **America’s Best Ambulatory Surgery Centers** awards the leading 550 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⁾.
- 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 86 ambulatory surgery centers awarded, while Mississippi is represented with 5 ambulatory surgery centers.
- The list is based on **two data sources**:
 1. **National Online Survey – Reputation Score:** From June to July 2023, an online survey among medical professionals (medical doctors/surgeons, registered nurses, nursing assistants, therapists) and staff working in the management/administration in ambulatory surgery centers was conducted in cooperation with Newsweek. Participants were asked to recommend leading ambulatory surgery centers in their respective US state and rate their quality of care.
 2. **Quality Metrics data** based on the Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting (ASCQR) Program by the U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).
- **Changes in new edition:**
 - A new **CMS Measure** was included in the analysis: **COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage Among Health Care Personnel**
 - **Arkansas** is now one of the 25 states with the highest number of ambulatory surgery centers and will receive a **state list** this year. Subsequently, **Kansas** was assigned to the **Midwest region**.

2 | **Note:** (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.

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

Ambulatory Surgery Centers from 25 US states and 4 regions were eligible for the ranking

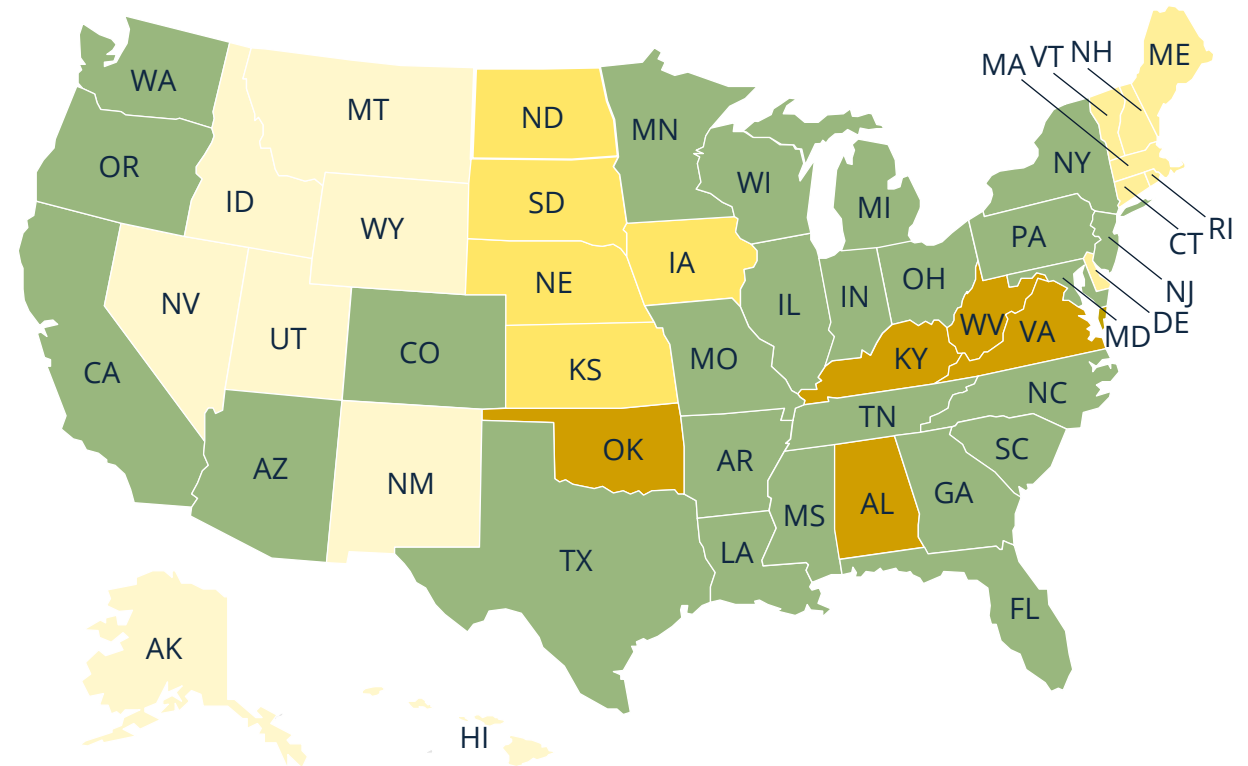
Geographical distribution

- Ambulatory Surgery Centers from the **25 states with the highest number of these centers**⁽¹⁾ were included in the survey:

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| • Arizona | • Maryland | • Oregon |
| • California | • Michigan | • Pennsylvania |
| • Colorado | • Minnesota | • South Carolina |
| • Florida | • Mississippi | • Tennessee |
| • Georgia | • Missouri | • Texas |
| • Illinois | • New Jersey | • Washington |
| • Indiana | • New York | • Wisconsin |
| • Arkansas | • North Carolina | |
| • Louisiana | • Ohio | |

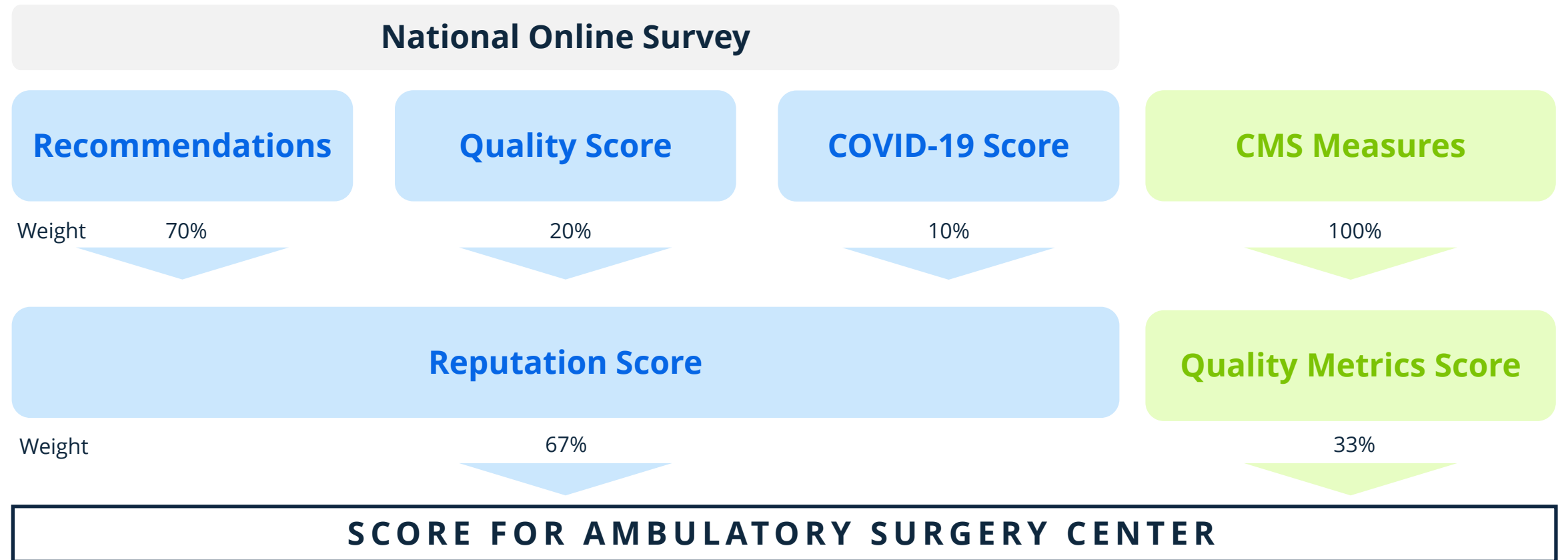
- All remaining states were divided into **4 regions** for the survey:

- **Northeast:** Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont
- **Midwest:** Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota
- **West:** Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming
- **South:** Alabama, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Virginia, West Virginia



A score was calculated for each Ambulatory Surgery Center

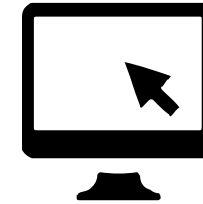
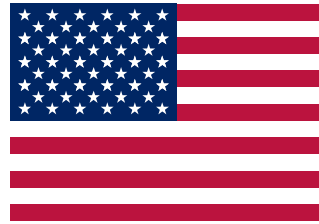
Scoring model



Medical experts with knowledge about Ambulatory Surgery Centers were surveyed about the best facilities in their state

National online survey by state

- From June to July 2023, Statista conducted a nationwide online survey among medical professionals (medical doctors/surgeons, registered nurses, nursing assistants, therapists) and staff working in the management/administration in ambulatory surgery centers.
- The survey was available to medical experts to participate on Newsweek.com. Additionally, participants were invited via e-mail.



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 notable ambulatory surgery centers **in their respective state**. Recommendations for own employer/ambulatory surgery center 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. Additionally, the professional experience of the participant was considered. **A score was assigned to each facility** based on the number of weighted recommendations.

RECOMMENDATIONS CONSTITUTE 70% OF THE REPUTATION SCORE

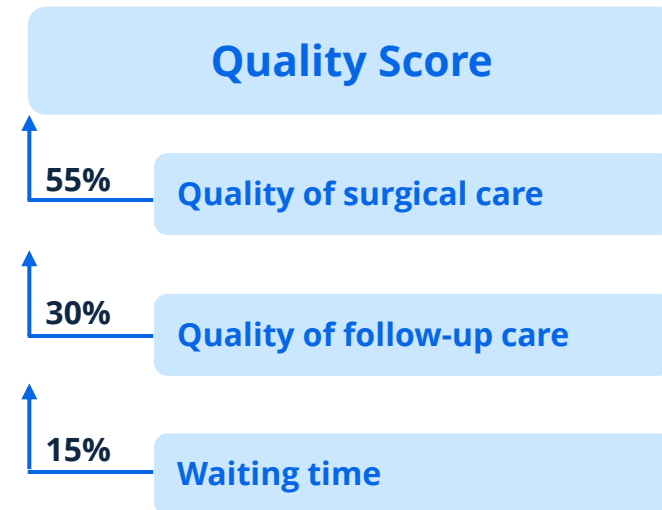
A Quality Score and COVID-19 Score were calculated for each recommended Ambulatory Surgery Center

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 of the COVID-19 crisis
 - Quality of surgical care
 - Quality of follow-up care
 - Management of waiting time
- The first category was used to calculate the **COVID-19 Score** that accounts for **10% of the reputation score**
- Based on the other three dimensions, a quality score was assigned to each facility, **which accounts for 20% of the reputation score**

WEIGHTS OF QUALITY DIMENSIONS



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

A Quality Metrics Score was calculated for each Ambulatory Surgery Center

Quality Metrics Score

CMS 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
 - Measure 8: COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage Among Health Care Personnel

WEIGHTS OF CMS MEASURES

CMS Measures

12.5%

CMS Measure 1

12.5%

CMS Measure 2

12.5%

CMS Measure 3

12.5%

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THE QUALITY METRICS SCORE CONSTITUTES 20% OF THE TOTAL SCORE

7 Sources: (1) The [Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting](#) is based on the most recently released dataset, which considered performance data for calendar year 2021 and data for Quarter 3 in year 2022. (last updated July 5, 2023). Please find more detailed information on the KPIs [here](#).

(2) To receive a Quality Metrics 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, 550 Ambulatory Surgery Centers with the highest score were awarded

Final Ambulatory Surgery Center Score

California

Rank	Facility	Score	City
1	Cedars Sinai - 90210 Surgery Medical Center	94,12%	Beverly Hills
2	UCLA Health - Westwood Ambulatory Surgery Center	90,76%	Los Angeles
3	SCA Health - UCSD Center for Surgery of Encinitas	84,47%	Encinitas
4	Sutter Health - Surgery Center Mountain View	83,18%	Mountain View
5	SCA Health - Surgical Center of San Diego	82,97%	San Diego

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Florida

Rank	Facility	Score	City
1	Coral Gables Surgery Center	87,69%	Miami
2	The Surgery Center at TGH Brandon Healthplex	84,21%	Tampa
3	Florida Medical Clinic - North Tampa	82,01%	Tampa
4	Mayo Clinic Jacksonville ASC for G.i.	81,59%	Jacksonville
5	Baptist Health South Florida - Endoscopy Center - Galloway South	80,26%	Miami

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LEADING AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTERS WERE AWARDED

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Overview of involved parties

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