

For 2008, there are 337 hospitals included in the report. Findings from the report show:

- 95 hospitals were rated “Better” than the statewide observed rate on at least one indicator, and 86 were rated “Worse.”
- 167 hospitals were rated as “not significantly” different from the statewide observed rate for all 12 indicators.
- Concerning the “Worse” rating, 58 hospitals were rated “Worse” on one indicator, 20 on two of the indicators, 7 on three indicators. One hospital was rated “Worse” on 4 indicators.
- Concerning the “Better” rating, 59 hospitals were rated “Better” on one indicator, 27 on two of the indicators, 7 on three indicators. Two hospitals were rated “Better” on 4 of the indicators.

Individual hospitals showed relatively consistent performance across the 12 mortality indicators. That is, only a small number of hospitals had “mixed” results—fewer than 12 hospitals in a given year were ranked as “Better” on one indicator and “Worse” on another. In addition, many hospitals showed consistent performance across the two years. Hospitals that scored “Worse” on at least one indicator in 2008 were five times more likely than other hospitals to score “Worse” on at least one indicator in 2009. This was also true for “Better” hospitals in 2008, which were six times more likely to perform “Better” in 2009.

This report uses indicators developed by the federal Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and implemented by OSHPD. These indicators are emerging as important national measures of hospital quality and are already being published by many states and quality reporting groups across the country. The updated 2008-2009 report uses an improved version of AHRQ’s software to produce the indicators

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