



Minnesota hospitals as national quality leaders

- Minnesota ranks second in the nation in overall health-care quality performance.
(Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 2006)
- Minnesota had the highest percentage in the nation of hospitals achieving 2008 Distinguished Hospitals for Clinical Excellence status. Eleven out of 16 eligible hospitals achieved lower mortality, lower complications and better clinical outcomes.
(HealthGrades)
- Ten Minnesota hospitals were named to an elite list of 2007 Distinguished Hospitals for Patient Safety. Hospitals scoring in the top 15 percent on national patient safety indicators earned this designation.
(HealthGrades)
- Minnesota hospitals are recognized as high-quality, low-cost providers.
(Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services)
- Minnesota hospitals exceeded national averages on every surgical care infection prevention measure.
(Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services)
- Minnesota had one of the highest percentages of top-performing hospitals for heart attack care.
(HealthGrades Hospital Quality in America Study, 2007)
- Minnesota has the lowest heart disease death rate of any state in the nation. Experts say healthy living and a top-rate medical system have helped the state's death rate drop by 45 percent since the mid-1990s.
(American Heart Association, 2007)
- Minnesota is the second healthiest state in the nation and among the top ten states on 12 of the 20 measures. Strengths include a low premature death rate, a low rate of deaths from cardiovascular disease and a low infant mortality rate.
(United Health Foundation, 2007)
- Minnesota was the first state in the nation to pass mandatory Adverse Health Event Reporting based on National Quality Forum standards. The ground-breaking 2003 law created a reporting system that allows hospitals to learn from each reported event to prevent future errors.

