



U.S. News & World Report names St. Mary's among Best Hospitals 2024-25

Athens hospital recognized for four procedures/conditions

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Athens, GA – St. Mary's Hospital has been named by U.S. News & World Report to its 2024-2025 [Best Hospitals](#) as a High Performing hospital for heart attack, stroke, hip replacement and knee replacement. This is the highest distinction a hospital can earn for U.S. News' Best Hospitals Procedures & Conditions ratings.



The annual Procedures & Conditions ratings are designed to assist patients and their health care providers in making informed decisions about where to receive care for challenging health conditions or elective procedures. This is the second year in a row that U.S. News & World Report has named St. Mary's as a High Performing hospital for these four conditions and procedures.



"Patient safety, quality and experience are our top priorities," said Stonish Pierce, President and CEO of Trinity Health Georgia, which includes St. Mary's Hospital.



"Being recognized by U.S. News & World Report as a High Performing Hospital for two years in a row reflects the tremendous dedication and commitment of our staff and medical staff to delivering quality care to our patients 24/7/365," Pierce continued. "Our patients can have confidence that they are in good hands at St. Mary's."

U.S. News evaluated nearly 5,000 hospitals across 15 specialties and 20 procedures and conditions. Hospitals awarded a "Best" designation excelled at factors such as clinical outcomes, level of nursing care and patient experience.

"For 35 years, U.S. News has been a leading resource for patients navigating their health care decisions," said Ben Harder, chief of health analysis and managing editor at U.S. News. "The 'High Performing' designation acknowledges hospitals that consistently deliver high-quality care for specific medical procedures and conditions. This recognition highlights their expertise and commitment to patient well-being."

To calculate the Best Hospitals rankings, U.S. News evaluated each hospital's performance on objective measures such as risk-adjusted mortality rates, preventable complications and level of nursing care. The Best Hospitals Specialty rankings [methodology](#) and Procedures & Conditions ratings [methodology](#) measure patient outcomes using data from millions of records provided by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. This year, among other [methodology refinements](#), U.S. News incorporated new data on care provided to patients with Medicare Advantage insurance and on care provided to outpatients, nearly doubling the number of patients included in its annual data analysis. The Procedures & Conditions ratings are based entirely on objective quality measures.

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About St. Mary's Hospital

St. Mary's Hospital is a faith-based, not-for-profit community hospital that has served Athens and Northeast Georgia for more than 117 years. As part of St. Mary's Health Care System and Trinity Health, the third largest not-for-profit health system in the U.S., its mission is to be a compassionate and transforming healing presence in the communities it serves. St. Mary's Hospital is a certified chest pain center, a gold-plus hospital for stroke care, and has a special focus on neurosciences, orthopedics, cardiac care, general medicine/general surgery, and women's and children's health.

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