

# Modern Healthcare presents the 2026 15 Top Health Systems® Powered by Premier



Rank	System	Home office location	Comparison group	Years on the list
1	Houston Methodist	Houston, Texas	Large Health System	4
2	Sutter Health	Sacramento, Calif.	Large Health System	4
3	Inova Health System	Fairfax, Va.	Large Health System	1
4	Mayo Clinic	Rochester, Minn.	Large Health System	13
5	AdventHealth	Altamonte Springs, Fla.	Large Health System	1
1	St. Luke's University Health Network	Bethlehem, Pa.	Medium Health System	2
2	Scripps Health	San Diego, Calif.	Medium Health System	8
3	Saint Francis Health System	Tulsa, Okla.	Medium Health System	3
4	CHI Health	Omaha, Neb.	Medium Health System	6
5	HCA Mountain Division	Cottonwood Heights, Utah	Medium Health System	4
1	CommonSpirit - Memorial Hospital	Chattanooga, Tenn.	Small Health System	5
2	Hawaii Pacific Health	Honolulu, Hawaii	Small Health System	1
3	Sarasota Memorial Health Care System	Sarasota, Fla.	Small Health System	1
4	Valley Health	Winchester, Va.	Small Health System	1
5	ThedaCare	Appleton, Wis.	Small Health System	2

## 15 Top Health Systems® Methodology Overview

To conduct the 15 Top Health Systems® study, researchers evaluated 336 health systems and 2716 hospitals that are members of health systems. All research was based on the following public data sets: Medicare cost reports, Medicare Provider Analysis and Review (MEDPAR) data and measure data from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Care Compare website. We select the annual 15 Top Health Systems award winners (benchmark systems) using our objective methodology based on publicly available data and a balanced scorecard of performance measures, using the most current data available. Health Systems and Hospitals do not apply for awards, and winners do not pay to market this honor. For more information, visit <http://www.100tophospitals.com/>

## 2026 Methodology Changes

Measure changes included the replacement of the CMS Care Compare 30-day hospital-wide readmission measure with the 30-day hybrid hospital-wide readmission (HWR) measure. This "hybrid" measure includes not only claims-based data but also electronic health record (EHR) extracted data to augment the risk adjustment models that CMS uses to produce the 30-day metrics.

The Medicare Spend Per Beneficiary (MSPB) was added back to the ranked metrics. The data from CMS Care Compare for this measure was available in time for the inclusion in the 100 Top Hospitals study production.