

Consumer rankings and health care: toward validation and transparency.

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[Hospital quality rankings](#), though widely-used, remain controversial. This validation study found inaccuracies in the *U.S. News and World Report* hospital rankings when compared with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid–measured rates of [safety events](#). The authors state that in response to their findings, the *U.S. News and World Report* revised their ranking method and data sources.