

## **Differential safety between top-ranked cancer hospitals and their affiliates for complex cancer surgery.**

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This cross-sectional study examined outcomes for [Medicare patients](#) undergoing complex cancer surgery at *U.S. News and World Report* top-ranked cancer hospitals and their affiliates. Investigators found that surgery performed at affiliated hospitals was associated with higher 90-day mortality and that the top-ranked hospital was safer than its affiliates in 84% of the networks in the study. The authors suggest that while affiliated hospitals may share branding with top-ranked cancer facilities, further study of such networks is necessary to inform care for [cancer patients](#).