

## Top Hospitals Participate in the First Health Network

In its 2005 issue, *U.S. News and World Report* published its yearly report of “America’s Best Hospitals.” The magazine’s survey methodology resulted in a list of 16 hospitals for its “Honor Roll” distinction, including 13 hospitals that participate in the First Health network.

2005 “Honor Roll” Hospitals Participating in the First Health Network	
<b>Johns Hopkins Hospital</b> , Baltimore (1)	<b>Duke University Medical Center</b> , Durham (8)
<b>Mayo Clinic</b> , Rochester (2)	<b>University of California, San Francisco Medical Center</b> , San Francisco (10)
<b>Massachusetts General Hospital</b> , Boston (3)	<b>University of Michigan Medical Center</b> , Ann Arbor (11)
<b>Cleveland Clinic</b> , Cleveland (4)	<b>Brigham and Women’s Hospital</b> , Boston (12)
<b>UCLA Medical Center</b> , Los Angeles (5)	<b>University of Chicago Hospitals</b> , Chicago (14)
<b>Barnes-Jewish Hospital</b> , St. Louis (6)	<b>Stanford University Hospital</b> , Stanford (15)
<b>New York-Presbyterian University Hospital of Columbia and Cornell</b> , New York (7)	

The survey ranks hospitals in 17 specialty care areas. Of the 6,007 centers analyzed, only 176 made the final cut. Certain screening criteria must be met, such as the hospital must be a member of the Council of Teaching Hospitals, be affiliated with a medical school or have at least nine out of 18 prescribed technological services at its disposal. Hospitals were then scored based on reputation, mortality and medical statistical data, as appropriate. Reputation was determined by a survey of 200 randomly chosen board-certified physicians in each of the specialties who were asked to list hospitals considered the best in their specialty. Hospital providers participating in the First Health network were well represented:

<b>Specialty Care Area</b>	<b>Percent of Top 10 Hospitals in the First Health Network</b>
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Cancer	80%
Digestive Disorder	100%
Ear, Nose and Throat	80%
Geriatrics	100%
Gynecology	90%
Heart and Heart Surgery	100%
Hormonal Disorders	100%
Kidney Disease	100%
Neurology and Neurosurgery	90%
Orthopedics	90%
Respiratory Disorders	100%
Rheumatology	90%
Urology	100%

**Ranking for the specialty areas below are based solely on reputation, using the opinions of specialists in each respective field.**

Eyes (ophthalmology)	70%
Pediatrics	100%
Psychiatry	90%
Rehabilitation	90%