



Flagler Hospital one of top 100 hospitals in the nation

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Flagler Hospital earned designation as one of the nation's top 100 hospitals by Healthgrades.

For the third year in a row, Flagler Hospital has been named one of America's 100 Best Hospitals by Healthgrades.

The designation puts Flagler Hospital in the top 2% of hospitals in the nation for excellent care year after year, according to Healthgrades, a company that helps consumers find and schedule appointments with providers by making meaningful connections.

The hospital also received awards by Healthgrades for excellent outcomes in orthopedic surgery, gastrointestinal care, general surgery and joint replacement.

Flagler Health+ President and CEO Jason Barrett said obtaining the designation, and the additional awards, didn't just happen by chance.

"Our clinical outcomes reflect deliberate and ongoing investments in training, technology, evidence-based practice, collaboration and empowerment of our staff," Barrett said in a press release. "We take the trust our patients and their loved ones place in us very seriously and make delivering the highest quality care our number one priority every day."

The America's Best Hospitals destinations are based on review of clinical quality outcomes for 32 conditions and procedures. Healthgrades analyzes the performance of 4,500 hospitals nationwide and those on the list deliver better outcomes than 95% of hospitals in the nation, according to Healthgrades' website.

On average, patients treated at these hospitals have a 26.6% lower risk of dying from standard and lifesaving procedures in addition to medical episodes like heart attack, stroke, heart failure and sepsis.

If all hospitals performed at the same level as the top 100, 161,930 lives could have potentially been saved between 2006 and 2018, according to Healthgrades.

“Sustaining a high level of care is challenging and requires a hospital-wide commitment and a ‘patient-first’ culture,” said Brad Bowman, MD, Chief Medical Officer of Healthgrades in a press release. “With increasing awareness on the importance of hospital quality, this information is a vital resource for consumers when it comes to selecting a hospital for their specific care needs.”

Only two other hospitals in Florida — Delray Medical Center in Delray Beach and Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville — were included on the top 100 list for 2020.