# **About Death Rate Measures**

**2024 Hospital Report Card** 

# Dying within 30-days after getting care in the hospital for a heart attack

Hospitals keep track of how many patients die soon after receiving care for a heart attack (death rate). These rates show how many patients die within 30 days of going to the hospital for a heart attack and takes into account how sick patients were before they went to the hospital (it is risk adjusted). A lower score is better.

Ratings include a significance test that makes us more confident the hospital rating is accurate. This measure is endorsed by the National Quality Forum, an independent organization that sets standards for health care quality measurement.

The data codes for this instance are as follows:

Clinical Title: Acute myocardial infarction (AMI) 30-day mortality rate

Measure Code: MORT-30-AMI

Data Source: CMS Hospital Compare - about 30-Day Mortality Rate

# Dying within 30-days after getting care in the hospital for heart failure

Hospitals keep track of how many patients die after going to the hospital for heart failure (death rate). These rates show how many patients die within 30 days of going to the hospital for heart failure and takes into account how sick patients were before they went to the hospital (it is risk-adjusted). A lower score is better.

Ratings include a significance test that makes us more confident the hospital rating is accurate.

This measure is endorsed by the National Quality Forum, an independent organization that sets standards for health care quality measurement.

The data codes for this instance are as follows:

Clinical Title: Heart failure (HF) 30-day mortality rate

Measure Code: MORT-30-HF

Data Source: CMS Hospital Compare - about 30-Day Mortality Rate

# Dying within 30-days after getting care in the hospital for pneumonia

Hospitals keep track of how many patients die soon after getting care for pneumonia (death rate). These rates show how many patients die within 30 days of going to the hospital for pneumonia and takes into account how sick patients were before they went to the hospital (it is risk adjusted). A lower score is better.

Ratings include a significance test that makes us more confident the hospital rating is accurate.

This measure is endorsed by the National Quality Forum, an independent organization that sets standards for health care quality measurement.

The data codes for this instance are as follows:

Clinical Title: Pneumonia (PN) 30-day mortality rate

Measure Code: MORT-30-PN

Data Source: CMS Hospital Compare - about 30-Day Mortality Rate

# **Quality Ratings Mortality: Percentage of Patients who Die within 30 Days of Receiving Care**

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### Percentage of Patients Who Die Within 30-Days of Receiving Care for a Heart Attack

(National Rate 12.6%)

Hospital Name	Risk-Adjusted Rate (%)	Number of Included Patients	Risk-Adjusted Confidence Interval
National Result	12.6		
Central Vermont Medical Center	12.0	105	9.0 - 16.0
Gifford Medical Center	11.7	37	8.5 - 15.6
North Country Hospital	12.4	69	9.1 - 16.2
Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital	14.6	38	10.5 - 19.9
Northwestern Medical Center *	10.5	94	7.6 - 14.2
Porter Hospital	12.2	28	9.1 - 16.1
Rutland Regional Medical Center	13.2	86	9.9 - 17.5
Southwestern Vermont Medical Center	15.2	28	11.8 - 19.0
University of Vermont Medical Center	12.3	562	10.2 - 14.6

- Unless otherwise noted, hospital rates are **no different** than the national rate.
- The number of cases/patients is **too few to report** for Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, Copley Hospital, Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital, Mt. Ascutney hospital, and Springfield Hospital.
- Northwestern Medical Center results are based on the hospital or facility's data submissions. CMS approved the hospital or facility's Extraordinary Circumstances Exception request suggesting that results may be impacted.

### Percentage of Patients Who Die Within 30-Days of Receiving Care Heart Failure

(National Rate 11.9%)

Hospital Name	Risk-Adjusted Rate (%)	Number of Included Patients	Risk-Adjusted Confidence Interval
National Result	11.9		
Brattleboro Memorial Hospital	12.6	127	9.1 - 17.5
Central Vermont Medical Center	12.1	290	9.3 - 15.5
Copley Hospital	15.4	62	10.4 - 21.8
Gifford Medical Center	14.5	50	9.8 - 21.8
Mt Ascutney Hospital	10.5	27	6.4 - 16.5
North Country Hospital	16.5	62	11.2 - 23.8
Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital	13.7	81	9.5 - 19.6
Northwestern Medical Center *	12.4	172	9.3 - 16.5
Porter Hospital	12.0	76	8.2 - 17.3
Rutland Regional Medical Center	16.4	236	12.6 - 21.0
Southwestern Vermont Medical Center	10.9	208	8.2 - 14.5
Springfield Hospital	14.1	66	9.4 - 20.6
University of Vermont Medical Center	14.1	684	11.8 - 16.9

- Unless otherwise noted, hospital rates are **no different** than the national rate.
- Rutland Regional Medical Center was rated worse than the national rate.
- The number of cases/patients is **too few to report** for Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital.
- Northwestern Medical Center results are based on the hospital or facility's data submissions. CMS approved the hospital or facility's Extraordinary Circumstances Exception request suggesting that results may be impacted.

## Percentage of Patients Who Die within 30-Days of Receiving Care for Pneumonia

(National Rate 17.9)

Hospital Name	Risk-Adjusted Rate (%)	Number of Included Patients	Risk-Adjusted Confidence Interval
National Result	17.9		
Brattleboro Memorial Hospital	21.5	96	15.9 - 28.3
Central Vermont Medical Center	16.0	224	12.3 - 20.8
Copley Hospital	17.3	78	12.1 - 24.3
Gifford Medical Center	17.3	63	12.1 - 24.4
Mt. Ascutney Hospital	14.3	39	9.4 - 20.7
North Country Hospital	27.8	131	21.1 - 35.4
Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital	20.6	91	14.8 - 27.5
Northwestern Medical Center *	17.1	171	12.9 - 22.3
Porter Hospital	17.2	74	12.2 - 23.8
Rutland Regional Medical Center	16.0	297	12.8 - 19.6
Southwestern Vermont Medical Center	15.6	245	12.4 - 19.6
Springfield Hospital	21.1	88	15.5 - 28.1
University of Vermont Medical Center	13.9	325	11.0 - 17.5

- Unless otherwise noted, hospital rates are **no different** than the national rate.
- North Country Hospital was rated worse than the national average.
- University of Vermont Medical Center was rated better than the national average.
- The number of cases/patients is **too few to report** for Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital.
- Northwestern Medical Center results are based on the hospital or facility's data submissions. CMS approved the hospital or facility's Extraordinary Circumstances Exception request suggesting that results may be impacted.