Hospital Quality & Value Overview

Atlanta, GA Metropolitan Statistical Area

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Hospital Quality & Safety

System	Hospital	CMS Star Rating 2025	Leapfrog Safety Grade Spring 2025
Emory	Emory Decatur Hosp.*	1	C
Emory	Emory Hillandale Hosp.*	2	B
Emory	Emory Johns Creek Hosp.*	3	B
Emory	Emory Univ. Hosp.*	4	C
Emory	Emory Univ. Hosp. Midtown*	2	C
Emory	St. Joseph's Hosp. of Atlanta*	2	C
Northside	Northside Hosp.*	3	C
Northside	Northside Hosp. Cherokee*	4	C
Northside	Northside Hosp. Forsyth*	4	C
Northside	Northside Hosp. Gwinnett*	3	C
Northside	Northside Hospital Duluth*	3	C
Piedmont	Piedmont Cartersville Med. Ctr.*	2	B
Piedmont	Piedmont Eastside Med. Ctr.*	1	B
Piedmont	**Piedmont Fayette Hosp.***	3	**A**
Piedmont	**Piedmont Henry Hosp.***	2	**A**
Piedmont	**Piedmont Hosp.***	4	**A**
Piedmont	Piedmont Mountainside Hosp.*	4	B
Piedmont	Piedmont Newnan Hosp.*	2	B
Piedmont	**Piedmont Newton Hosp.***	3	**A**
Piedmont	Piedmont Rockdale Hosp.*	2	B
Piedmont	Piedmont Walton Hosp.*	3	B
Wellstar	Wellstar Cobb Med. Ctr.*	2	B
Wellstar	Wellstar Douglas Hosp.*	3	B
Wellstar	Wellstar Kennestone Reg. Med. Ctr.*	4	B
Wellstar	Wellstar N. Fulton Hosp.*	2	C
Wellstar	**Wellstar Paulding Med. Ctr.***	4	**A**
Wellstar	Wellstar Spalding Med. Ctr.*	2	B
Wellstar	**Wellstar W. Georgia Med. Ctr.***	2	**A**
Other	Grady Memorial Hosp.*	2	C
Other	Southern Reg. Med. Ctr.*	1	C
Other	Tanner Med. Ctr. – Carrollton*	3	C
Other	**Tanner Med. Ctr. Villa Rica***	2	**A**
Other	Union General Hosp.	4	C
Other	**Southeastern Regional Med. Ctr.**	4	-
Other	St. Mary's Good Samaritan Med. Ctr.	3	-

*These hospitals completed the annual Leapfrog Hospital Survey

Bolded hospitals have either a 5-star CMS rating or an "A" Leapfrog Grade

Hospitals with a Leapfrog Grade of "-" are not eligible to receive a grade.

Source: CMS, The Leapfrog Group

Purchasers can use safety and quality scores to understand the safety of the hospitals that their members use most.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) **Overall Hospital Quality Star Rating** is a score from 1 to 5 measuring **overall quality of care** provided by general acute care hospitals. This score includes data from 47 measures in 5 measure groups: Mortality, Safety, Readmission, Patient Experience, and Timely & Effective Care.

The **Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade** is a letter grade assigned to general acute care hospitals to **assess the level of safety** for patients. This system uses 22 patient safety measures to calculate an A, B, C, D, or F letter grade.

No Atlanta hospitals received a 5-star rating from CMS.

However, two hospitals received an "A" Leapfrog Safety Grade and 4 stars:

- Piedmont Hospital
- Wellstar Paulding Med. Ctr.

All but one eligible hospital in the Atlanta area filled out the voluntary Leapfrog Hospital Survey. This is a very high participation level, which demonstrates a commitment to transparency.

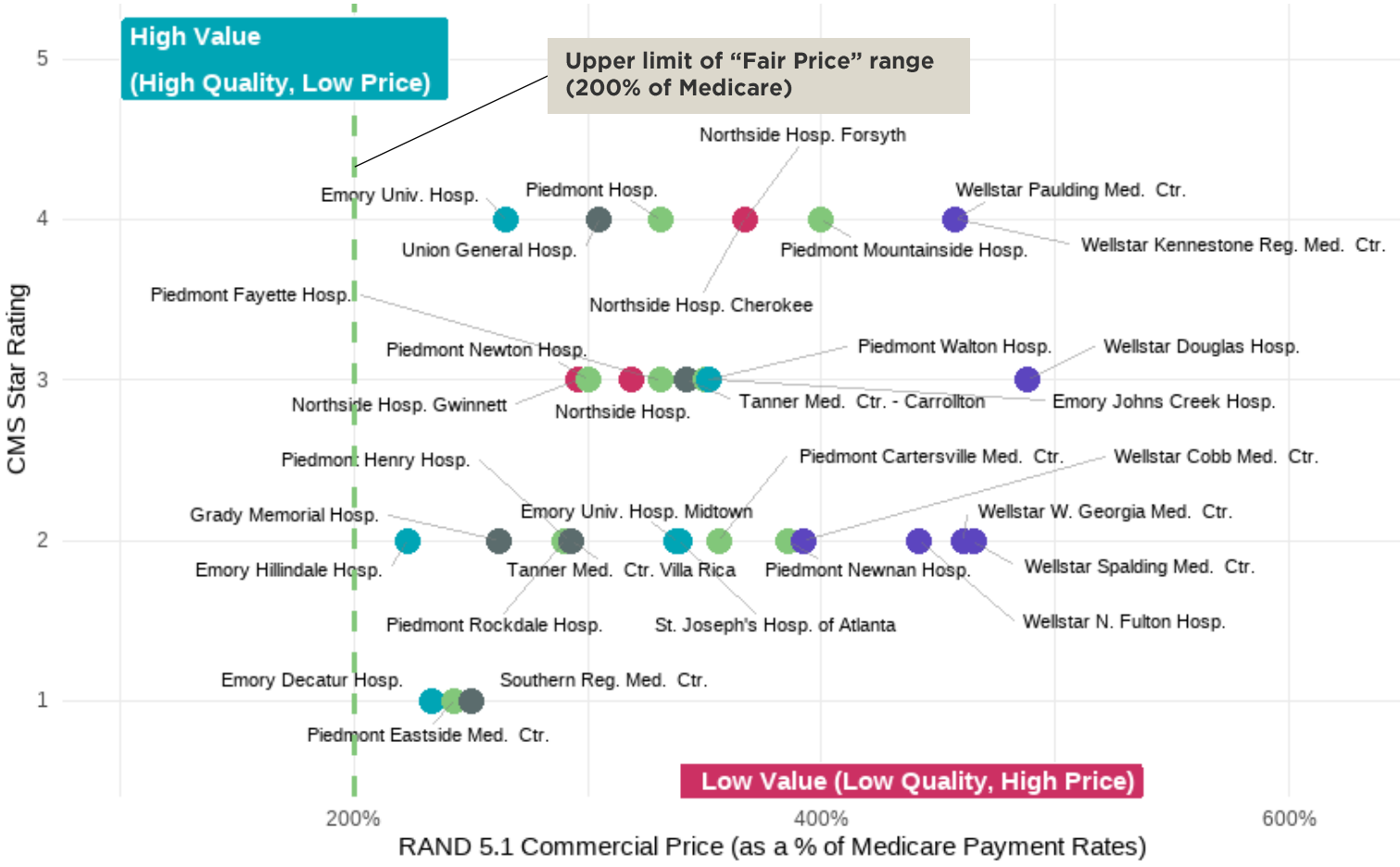
CMS Star Ratings are updated annually and Leapfrog Safety Grades are updated twice a year (May and November).

Value of Atlanta Area Hospitals

Commercial price is the price that commercial payers paid hospitals as a percent of what Medicare would have paid for the same services. A commercial price greater than 200% exceeds the "fair price" range and may indicate hospital inefficiency, adverse payer mix, and/or excess profits.

Combining quality and price metrics provides insight into hospital value. In the graph below, the horizontal axis represents **commercial price**, increasing from left to right. The upper limit of the "fair price" range (200%) is marked with a dashed vertical line. The vertical axis represents CMS Overall Star Rating, increasing from bottom to top. **Value increases towards the upper left corner** of the graph, as price decreases and quality of care increases. **Value decreases towards the bottom right.**

No hospitals in Atlanta are considered high-value, because all hospitals are above 200% of Medicare. Emory University Hospital is the highest value with 4 stars and 265% of Medicare. All hospitals in the Wellstar System have commercial prices above 390% of Medicare.



Health System:

Emory · Piedmont · Wellstar · Northside · Other

Source: CMS, The RAND Corporation

Note: Hospitals without a CMS Overall Star Rating or RAND commercial price are not included in the graph.

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