

Cohorts for performance improvement rankings

To determine top performers in Quality Leadership (Bernard A. Birnbaum, MD award), Responsible Sourcing Excellence and Sustainability Excellence, participating Vizient provider customers were segmented into seven cohorts:

- **Comprehensive Academic Medical Centers**
 - Performs a minimum of:
 - 125 combined cardiothoracic and neurosurgery cases
 - 25 solid organ transplants
 - 600 trauma cases or 1,500 acute transfers in from another acute care facility
- **Large, Specialized Complex Care Medical Centers**
 - Performs a minimum of:
 - 75 combined cardiothoracic and neurosurgery cases and one of the following:
 - 25 solid organ transplants
 - 600 trauma cases
 - 1,500 acute transfers in from another acute facility
- **Complex Care Medical Centers**
 - Hospitals not meeting the above criteria but performing between 25 and 75 combined cardiothoracic and neurosurgery cases in a year
- **Community Hospitals**
 - Not in the previous described categories and excluding Critical Access & Specialty Hospitals
 - At least 450 inpatient surgical cases annually
- **Small Community Hospitals**
 - Not in the previous described categories and excluding Critical Access & Specialty Hospitals
 - Less than 450 inpatient surgical cases annually
- **Critical Access Hospitals**
 - Meet the Medicare Conditions of Participation (CoP) listed in the Code of Federal Regulations at 42 CFR 485 subpart F and whose most distinguishing feature is no more than 25 inpatient beds and annual average length of stay of 96-hours.
- **Pediatric**
 - Cares for at least 250 high-acuity medical neonates annually and receives more patients transferred in for care than it transfers out, by a margin of more than 5%
 - Performs at least 50 major surgeries on neonates annually