

Top Performers: Rising Star

Award criteria

The Rising Star award recognizes comprehensive academic medical centers that made significant improvement measured by a rise in at least 20 positions from the prior year and scored in the top 25 in the annual Vizient Quality and Accountability ranking, which identifies exemplary performance across six domains.

Six domains

Quality Leadership performance of patient care is measured in six domains:

- Mortality
- Efficiency
- Effectiveness
- Patient centeredness
- Safety
- Variation in care

Composite scoring

The ranking's composite scoring system uses patient-level performance data from a variety of sources including:

- Vizient Clinical Data Base
- Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) survey, and
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Healthcare Safety Network

Award cohorts

Performs a minimum of:

- 25 solid organ transplants
- 600 trauma cases or 1,500 acute transfers in from another acute care facility
- 125 combined cardiothoracic and neurosurgery cases