

Supplementary Online Content

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eAppendix. *US News & World Report* Gastroenterology and Gastrointestinal Surgery Ranking Methodology

This supplementary material has been provided by the authors to give readers additional information about their work.

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- 1) Eligibility criteria for US News and World Report ranking consideration requires a hospital to fulfill at least one of the following conditions:
 - a. considered a teaching hospital
 - b. affiliation with a medical school
 - c. minimum of 200 beds
 - d. minimum of 100 beds with concomitant availability of at least four out of eight advanced medical technologies deemed significant by US News Best Hospitals (1).
 - 2) Eligibility for specialty ranking:
 - a. Defined number of discharges for specialty-specific diagnoses (high volume of discharge is a surrogate for experience)
 - b. In 2017, for the Gastroenterology and Gastrointestinal Surgery specialty ranking required a surgical discharge threshold of 111 Medicare patients.
 - 3) Ranked by a weighted scoring system:
 - a. outcomes (including risk-adjusted mortality)
 - b. structure (hospital resources allocated for patient care)
 - c. process (based on expert opinion)
 - d. patient safety quality indicators.
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