

## Bariatric Surgery Continues Growth

According to recent findings from HealthGrades, the number of bariatric surgeries being performed in the U.S. continues to rise, but the quality and safety of these procedures varies widely from one hospital to another, the study states.

Overall rates of risk-adjusted, in-hospital complications and mortality related to obesity surgery are decreasing, according to the study. But researchers also reported large performance gaps among facilities. Patients at top hospitals had a 66.5 percent lower chance of experiencing complications than patients who underwent bariatric surgery at a bottom-ranked hospital, and they also had shorter lengths of stay.

Based on the available data, researchers concluded that if all bariatric programs performed at the level of the top-ranked hospitals during the three-year period, 5,046 patients could have avoided major in-hospital complications.

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