

Same procedure, different risks

Choosing a hospital can be a **life** or **death** decision.



Your rate of survival varies greatly depending on which hospital you choose. Consider how the survival rates of four high-risk procedures compare between the best performing and worst performing hospitals.

The procedures

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) repair:

Surgery to treat an enlargement of the abdominal aorta, the major blood vessel that supplies blood to the body.



Aortic Valve Replacement (AVR):

Surgery used to treat damage to or problems with the heart's aortic valve.



Esophagectomy:

Surgery to remove part of or the entire esophagus, usually done to treat cancer of the esophagus.



Pancreatectomy:

Surgery to remove part of or all of the pancreas to treat several conditions, including pancreatic cancer.



2014
predicted
survival
rates



Hospital with the highest predicted survival rate



Hospital with the average predicted survival rate



Hospital with the lowest predicted survival rate



lives lost between best and worst performing hospitals (out of 100)

AAA repair

AVR

Esophagectomy

Pancreatectomy

99%

97%

86%



97%

95%

92%



Esophagectomy

98%

91%

88%



Pancreatectomy

100%

91%

81%



The hospital you choose is critical. The right hospital will give you the best opportunity for a safe recovery. Before you go, [search for your hospital here](#) to find out their predicted survival rates.