

# C-SECTION RATES BY HOSPITAL



## Aren't all hospitals the same?

No, C-section rates vary widely by hospital. That's why it's critical patients have a national, standardized measure to compare C-section rates **by hospital**. Now, families across the country can use this information to make an informed choice for their birth hospital.



## How does Leapfrog measure C-sections?

Leapfrog uses a measure endorsed by the Joint Commission called NTSV C-section, which counts C-sections performed on first time, low-risk moms with single babies that have reached their 37th week, positioned head-down.



## Aren't C-sections necessary for some women?

Absolutely. All women and their families should be educated on when C-sections are medically necessary, but there are risks (both to mom and baby) to be considered.



## What should the C-section rate be?

Leapfrog's panel of experts set a 2015 target rate of 23.9 percent. This rate comes from Healthy People 2020, a national initiative designed to make significant improvements to people's health by the year 2020.



## What should I ask my doctor?

Childbirth Connection **suggests**:

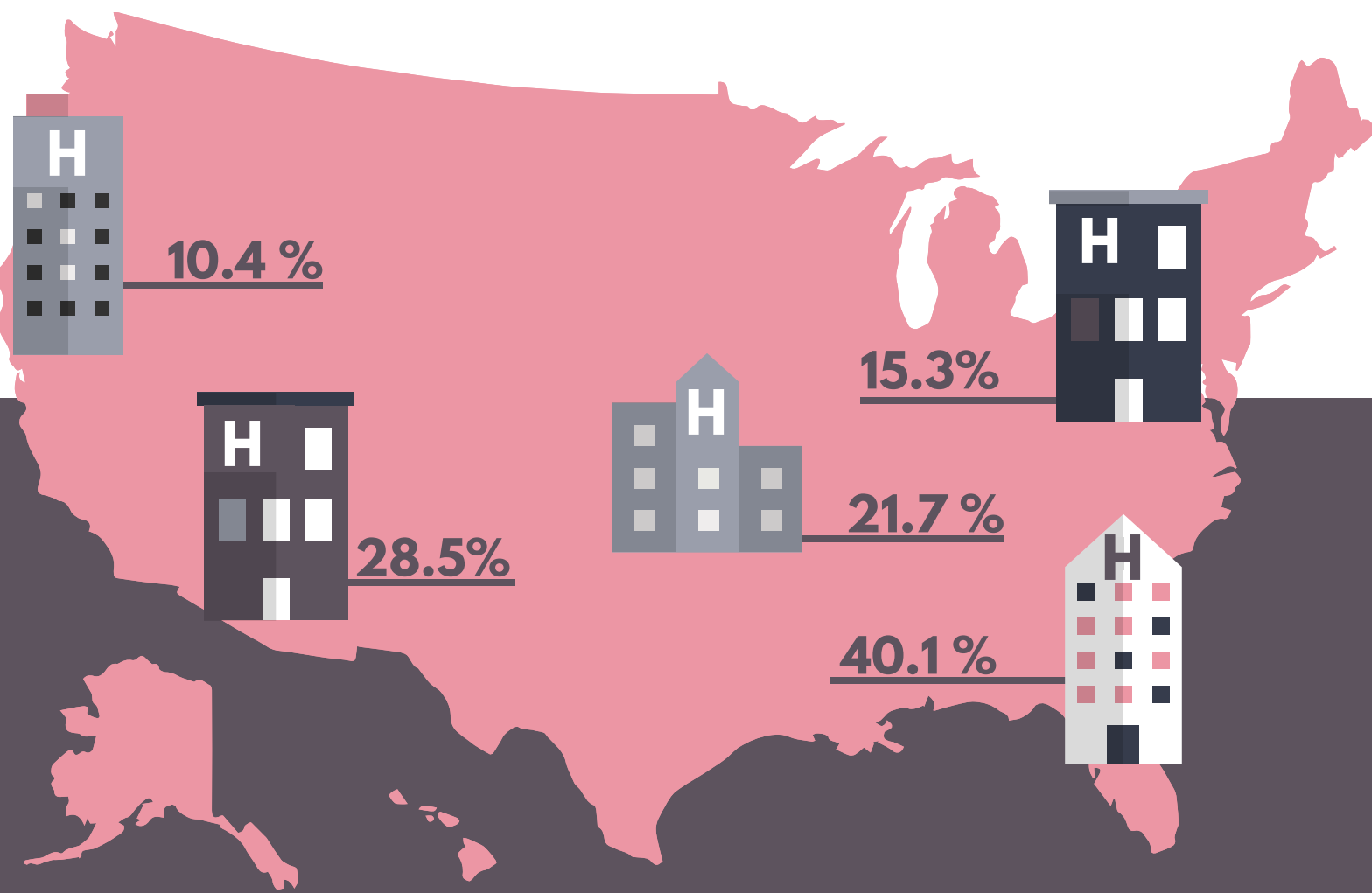
1. What is the benefit of a C-section for me or my baby?
2. What situations could lead to a C-section?
3. What are the possible harms of a C-section?



## Where can I find more information?

Please visit

[www.LeapfrogGroup.org/c-section](http://www.LeapfrogGroup.org/c-section) to find your hospital's rate, more information on NTSV C-sections, and links to educational resources.



# 39.1%

Less than half (39.1 percent) of hospitals analyzed met Leapfrog's target rate. Data shows a striking variation among states.



# 49.7%

Almost half (49.7 percent) of rural hospitals analyzed met Leapfrog's target rate.