

Validity of Ranking as a Selection Benchmark for Orthopaedic Surgery Hospitals

Online hospital rating systems can influence care quality and help patients and other consumers select the appropriate care providers



No study has analyzed the agreement and validity of different rating systems with respect to orthopaedic surgery



1640 orthopaedic surgery hospitals



Evaluated by five major rating systems

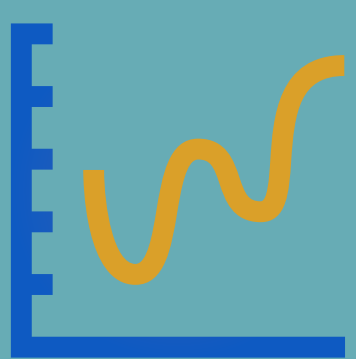
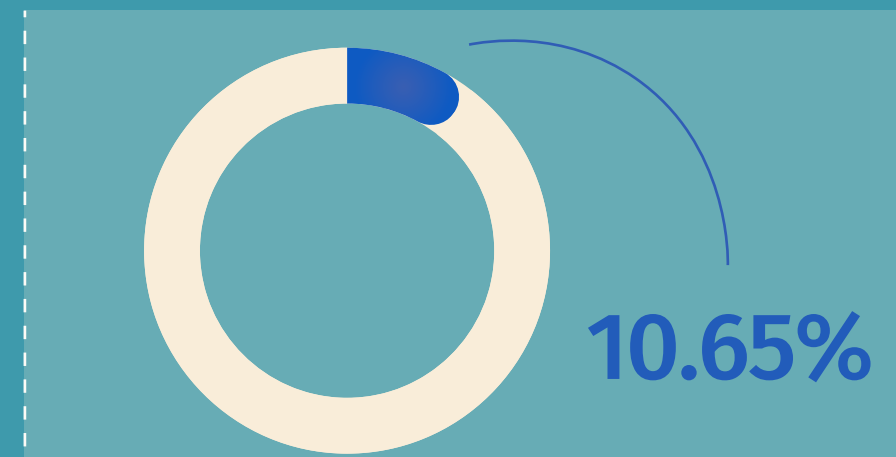


Assessment of agreement between rating systems



No hospital was rated high- or low-performing by all five rating systems

10.65% hospitals were considered high-performing by one rating system and low-performing by a different rating system



Hospital ratings for orthopaedic surgery are not consistent

Publicly available hospital ratings for performance in orthopaedic surgery offer conflicting results and provide little guidance to stakeholders