



Health Care Quality Performance (HCQP) Program  
**HOSPITAL-ACQUIRED PRESSURE ULCERS**

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Hospital-acquired [pressure ulcers](#) (sometimes called pressure sores or bed sores) are [reported on the Department of Health’s \(HEALTH’s\) Web site](#) as part of the HCQP Program’s hospital reporting work. For pressure ulcers, *lower* numbers are better. You can learn more about the hospital-acquired pressure ulcer measure—including its data source, how the rates and diamonds are calculated, and why this information is important—by reading the [Technical Page](#). With questions about a hospital’s performance, please contact the hospital directly by clicking on each hospital’s name.

The diamonds show how hospitals compare to one another

Hospital ( <i>Alphabetical</i> )	Hospital- Acquired Pressure Ulcers*	Patients	Standardized Incidence Ratio (SIR) <sup>h</sup>	Diamonds <sup>i</sup>
<a href="#">Kent County Memorial Hospital</a>	1	1,250	0.807	---
<a href="#">Landmark Medical Center</a>	0	635	0.000	----
<a href="#">Memorial Hospital</a>	1	483	2.088	---
<a href="#">Miriam Hospital</a>	1	1,092	0.924	---
<a href="#">Newport Hospital</a>	0	422	0.000	----
<a href="#">Rhode Island Hospital</a>	1	2,317	0.435	---
<a href="#">Roger Williams Medical Center</a>	2	581	3.472	---
<a href="#">South County Hospital</a>	1	308	3.274	---
<a href="#">St. Joseph’s Hospital</a>	0	1,105	0.000	----
<a href="#">Westerly Hospital</a>	0	267	0.000	----
<a href="#">Women and Infants Hospital</a>	0	350	0.000	----

\* Advanced pressure ulcers, which are deep wounds, are included.

<sup>h</sup> Compares the number of hospital-acquired pressure ulcers to what is mathematically “expected” based on the state’s average incidence of 0.00099. Scores below 1.0 are less (better) than expected and scores above 1.0 are higher (worse) than expected.

<sup>i</sup> Assigned based on how different each hospital’s SIR is from 1.0, which is what is “expected”:

- Better than expected
- About the same as expected
- Worse than expected

The statistical methods are described in the [Technical Page](#).