



## U.S. News & World Report Names St. Mary's Hospital Among Best Hospitals for 2025-2026 in 5 specialties

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**Athens, Ga.** – U.S. News and World Report has named St. Mary's Health Care System-Athens as a high-performing hospital in five specialty areas in the 2025-2026 Best Hospitals report, released Tuesday, July 29.

St. Mary's Hospital in Athens was recognized in the specialties of back surgery, heart attack, pacemaker implantation, hip replacement and knee replacement. This year, U.S. News announced [504 Best Regional Hospitals](#) across 49 states and 95 metro areas that have demonstrated superior outcomes.

"Patient safety, quality and patient experience are our top priorities," said Stonish Pierce, President and CEO of Trinity Health Georgia, which includes St. Mary's Hospital. "Being recognized by U.S. News & World Report as a High Performing Hospital for three years in a row reflects the tremendous dedication and commitment of our staff and medical staff to delivering quality care to our patients 24/7/365. Our patients can have confidence that they are in good hands at St. Mary's."

U.S. News evaluated more than 4,400 hospitals across 15 adult specialties and 22 procedures and conditions; only 13% of evaluated hospitals earned a Best Hospitals designation.

"For more than three decades, U.S. News has been an invaluable guide for patients," said Managing Editor and Chief of Health Analysis Ben Harder at U.S. News. "With a 'Best Hospital' recognition, Americans, in consultation with their medical providers, can confidently choose a regional hospital known for providing superior care for their specific illness or condition."

To determine the [Best Hospitals](#), U.S. News analyzed each hospital's performance based on objective measures such as risk-adjusted mortality rates, preventable complications and level of nursing care. The Best Hospitals [Specialty rankings methodology](#) and [Procedures & Conditions ratings methodology](#) measure patient outcomes using data from over 800 million records of patient care.

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### About St. Mary's Hospital

St. Mary's Hospital is a faith-based, not-for-profit community teaching hospital that has served Athens and Northeast Georgia for more than 118 years. As part of St. Mary's Health Care System and Trinity Health, one of the largest not-for-profit health systems in the U.S., its mission is to be a compassionate and transforming healing presence in the communities it serves. St. Mary's Hospital is a certified chest pain center, a gold-plus hospital for stroke care, and has a special focus on neurosciences, cardiac care, general medicine/general surgery, orthopedics, primary care, robotic surgery and women's and children's health.

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