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It's a pretty elite group that emerged from the nearly 5,200 hospitals put through the wringer this year: Only 3 percent ranked in any of the 16 specialties. And merely 14 qualified for the "America's Best Hospitals" Honor Roll with a top position in at least six specialties—a demonstration of broad expertise. The order is based on points. Hospitals received 2 points for placing in the topmost tier; 1 point for the second tier.

The Honor Roll

- 1 Johns Hopkins Hospital,** Baltimore, 30 points in 15 specialties
- 2 Mayo Clinic, Rochester,** Minn., 26 points in 13 specialties
- 3 Cleveland Clinic,** 23 points in 12 specialties
- 4 Massachusetts General Hospital,** Boston, 21 points in 11 specialties
- 5 UCLA Medical Center,** Los Angeles, 20 points in 13 specialties
- 6 New York-Presbyterian University Hospital of Columbia and Cornell,** 18 points in 11 specialties
- 7 Duke University Medical Center,** Durham, N.C., 17 points in 10 specialties
- 8 Barnes-Jewish Hospital/ Washington University,** St. Louis, 16 points in 10 specialties
- 9 University of California, San Francisco Medical Center,** 14 points in 9 specialties
- 10 University of Washington Medical Center,** Seattle, 13 points in 8 specialties
- 11 Brigham and Women's Hospital,** Boston, 12 points in 9 specialties
- 12 University of Michigan Hospitals and Health System,** Ann Arbor, 11 points in 9 specialties
- 13 Stanford Hospital and Clinics,** Stanford, Calif., 8 points in 7 specialties
- 14 University of Pittsburgh Medical Center,** 7 points in 6 specialties

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