

Virginia Health Information Updates Interactive Dashboard Comparing Hospital Quality Data for 2021



Richmond, Va. – Virginia Health Information (VHI) is pleased to announce the publication of the 2021 Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Quality Indicators (QI) Report. AHRQ QIs are standardized, evidence-based measures of healthcare quality that can be used to measure and track clinical performance and key quality outcomes on Virginia hospital discharge patient level data (PLD). This year's report is publicly available at www.vhi.org/qualityindicators.

As with last year's release of updated QI software from AHRQ, all Virginia patient safety indicators (PSIs), inpatient quality indicators (IQIs) and patient quality indicators (PQIs) based on 2019 Virginia PLD discharges will continue to be displayed using an interactive Tableau dashboard. This year's dashboard will encompass over 21 area measures and 36 hospital-specific rates within a single webpage, an increase of over 32% from last year. All QI rates are risk-adjusted using AHRQ's published methodology and are assigned a rating in comparison to statewide averages. Some highlights from this year's report include:

- Virginia Hospitals outperformed the national average in 78% of all measures (49)
- Results were mixed when compared to last year's report with Virginia achieving a higher score in 54% of measures (34) and experiencing a lower score in 40% of measures (25)
- Overall, potentially avoidable admissions increased significantly less in Virginia (2.8%) compared to the national overall (8.8%)

Users of AHRQ QI Report can easily compare a wide variety of inpatient quality metrics by Virginia county, Health Planning Region or hospital and see how their rates trend over time. "With the addition of even more risk-adjusted rates for 2021, the VHI AHRQ Quality Indicators report is a more robust tool for analyzing the state of healthcare in the Commonwealth than ever before," says Kyle Russell, Director of Strategy and Analytics at VHI.

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