

# Reuters: St. David's Austin medical center among top in nation

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[St. David's Medical Center](#) in Austin is among the nation's 20 highest quality large community hospitals, [Thomson Reuters](#) reported today.

Reuters' annual 100 top hospitals listing picked 20 in facilities in five size categories. It was one of eight Texas care centers on the list including Temple-based Scott & White Memorial Hospital and Clinic, which was picked in the "major teaching hospital" category.

The National Benchmarks study evaluates hospitals based on performance in 10 areas: mortality, medical complications, patient safety, average length of stay, expenses, profitability, patient satisfaction, adherence to clinical care standards, and post-discharge mortality and readmission rates for acute myocardial infarction, heart failure, and pneumonia.

Researchers evaluated 2,926 short-term, acute care and non-federal hospitals and used public information including Medicare cost reports, Medicare Provider Analysis and Review data and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services data.

St. David's is the second largest hospital in Austin, providing about 16,578 in-patient admissions and more than 102,000 outpatient. It reported about 61,707 emergency room visits in 2008.