

A Hospital's Subpar Scorecard

Years of financial cutbacks have left Grady Memorial Hospital with a below-average record on patient care issues, compared with other public hospitals nationwide. Here are some of the 13 safety indicators reflecting how well the hospital performed from 2003 to 2005. The patients affected figure shows how many per 1,000 experienced the problem.

Patient Safety Indicator	Rating	Patients Affected
Prevention of death in procedures where mortality rate is usually low	Worse than expected	4
Ability to diagnose and treat in time	Average	119
Absence of foreign body left in during procedure	Better than expected	0
Lack of infections acquired at hospital	Worse	3
Avoidance of respiratory failure after surgery	Average	16
Avoidance of severe infection after surgery	Worse	27
Lack of pressure sores or bed sores acquired in the hospital	Worse	45

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