

Category	Variable description	Definition
Affiliations	Does the hospital itself operate subsidiary corporations?	
Affiliations	Health Care System address	
Affiliations	Health Care System Area Code	
Affiliations	Health Care System city	
Affiliations	Health Care System ID	Unique numerical identifier assigned by AHA to each health system. The information in this field comes from the AHA membership database.
Affiliations	Health Care System name	
Affiliations	Health Care System Phone Number	
Affiliations	Health Care System state	
Affiliations	Health Care System zip code	
Affiliations	Is the hospital a participant in a network?	A network is a group of hospitals, physicians, other providers, insurers and/or community agencies that work together to coordinate and deliver a broad spectrum of services to their community.
Affiliations	Is the hospital contract-managed?	Is the hospital contract-managed?
Affiliations	Is the hospital a member of a health care system?	Health care systems can be either a multi-hospital system (two or more hospitals owned, leased, sponsored, or contract-managed by a central organization) or a single-hospital system.
Approval Codes	Accreditation by American Osteopathic Association	
Approval Codes	Accreditation by Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF)	
Approval Codes	Accreditation by The Joint Commission	
Approval Codes	Blue Cross contracting or participating	
Approval Codes	Cancer program approved by American College of Surgeons	
Approval Codes	Critical Access Hospital per Centers for Medicare & Medicaid	
Approval Codes	Hospital-controlled professional nursing school reported by National League for Nursing	
Approval Codes	Internship approved by American Osteopathic Association	
Approval Codes	Medical school affiliation reported to American Medical Association	

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Approval Codes	Medicare certification by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services	
Approval Codes	Member of Council of Teaching Hospitals of the Association of American Medical Colleges	
Approval Codes	Residency approved by American Osteopathic Association	
Approval Codes	Residency training approval by Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education	
Approval Codes	Rural Referral Center per Centers for Medicare & Medicaid	
Approval Codes	Sole Community Provider per Centers for Medicare & Medicaid	
Basic Information	Address, City	
Basic Information	Address, State	State (long name)
Basic Information	Address, State Abbreviation	State - 2 letter abbreviation for State
Basic Information	Address, Street	Hospital's street address.
Basic Information	Address, Zip Code	Zip Code of Organization
Basic Information	AHA Identification Number	Assigned unique identification number
Basic Information	AHA Registration	The information in this field is derived from the AHA membership database. An institution may be listed by the AHA as a hospital if it is accredited as a hospital by The Joint Commission or is certified as a provider of acute services under Title 18 of the Social Security Act. In lieu of accreditation or certification, an institution licensed as a hospital by the appropriate state agency may be registered by AHA as a hospital if it meets the registration criteria developed by AHA. Membership in the AHA is not a prerequisite for registration.
Basic Information	Bed Size Range	Indicates which of eight (8) pre-defined bed size ranges the hospital fits. Bed size ranges are: 6-24, 25-49, 50-99, 100-199, 200-299, 300-399, 400-499, 500+
Basic Information	Beginning date of fiscal year	Beginning date of the hospital's fiscal year
Basic Information	Beginning of reporting period	Beginning date of reporting year for survey response
Basic Information	Chief Financial Officer	Name of the hospital's chief financial officer. The information in this field is derived from the AHA membership database.
Basic Information	Chief Human Resource Officer	Name of the hospital's chief human resource officer. The information in this field is derived from the AHA membership database.

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Basic Information	Chief Information Officer	Name of the hospital's chief information officer. The information in this field is derived from the AHA membership database.
Basic Information	Chief Medical Officer	Name of the hospital's chief medical officer. The information in this field is derived from the AHA membership database.
Basic Information	Chief Operating Officer	Name of the hospital's chief operating officer. The information in this field is derived from the AHA membership database.
Basic Information	Community Hospital	All nonfederal, short-term general, and special hospitals whose facilities and services are available to the public. A hospital may include a nursing home-type unit and still be classified as short-term provided the majority of its patients are admitted to units where the average length of stay is less than 30 days.
Basic Information	Days open during reporting period	
Basic Information	Does the hospital restrict admissions primarily to children?	Hospitals with a positive response are considered to be pediatric hospitals.
Basic Information	End of reporting period	Ending date of reporting year for survey response
Basic Information	Hospital name	
Basic Information	Hospital, 2-digit alpha state code	State abbreviation
Basic Information	Mailing Address, city	Hospital's mailing address city
Basic Information	Mailing Address, state	Hospital's mailing address state
Basic Information	Mailing Address, street	Hospital's mailing address street
Basic Information	Mailing Address, zip code	Hospital's mailing address zip code
Basic Information	Medicare Provider ID	A health care provider identifier developed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
Basic Information	Ownership / Control	The type of organization or authority that is responsible for establishing policy for overall operation of the hospital. The four major categories are: government, federal; government, nonfederal; nongovernment not-for-profit; investor-owned (for-profit). Each of the four major categories has subcategories.
Basic Information	Phone Number, Area Code	Hospital's area code. The information in this field is derived from the AHA membership database.
Basic Information	Phone Number, Phone Number	Hospital's telephone number.
Basic Information	Primary Contact/Chief Administrator	Name of the hospital's chief administrator. The information in this field is derived from the AHA membership database.
Basic Information	Primary Contact Title	Job Title for Primary Contact
Basic Information	Primary Service	The category best describing the type of service provided to the majority of the hospital's admissions.

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Basic Information	Response (to survey received)	
Basic Information	Special Service Description	Available if Primary Service is not classified elsewhere
Basic Information	Teaching Status	In Healthcare QuickDisc "Teaching Status" allows you to select the following: Major Teaching Hospital are those with Council of Teaching Hospitals designation. Minor Teaching Hospitals are those either Approved to participate in residency and/or internship training by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, or those with medical school affiliation reported to the American Medical Association. Non Teaching Hospital are those with neither COTH, ACGME, nor Medical School (AMA) affiliation. All Teaching Hospitals are those with either COTH, ACGME, or Medical School (AMA) affiliation. (For more information on Teaching Hospitals, see the QuickDisc "Key Terms Glossary")
Basic Utilization	Admissions	The number of patients, excluding newborns, accepted for inpatient service during the reporting period; the number includes patients who visit the emergency room and are later admitted for inpatient service.
Basic Utilization	Airborne Infection Isolation Rooms	A single-occupancy room for patient care where environmental factors are controlled in an effort to minimize the transmission of those infectious agents, usually spread person to person by droplet nuclei associated with coughing and inhalation. Such rooms typically have specific ventilation requirements for controlled ventilation, air pressure and filtration.
Basic Utilization	Beds - Total Facility	Number of beds regularly maintained (set up and staffed for use) for inpatients as of the close of the reporting period. Excludes newborn bassinets.
Basic Utilization	Births	Total number of infants born in the hospital during the reporting period. Births do not include infants transferred from other institutions, and are excluded from admission and discharge figures.

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Basic Utilization	Emergency room visits	Number of emergency room visits reported by the hospital. An emergency room visit is defined as a visit to the emergency unit. When an emergency outpatient is admitted to the inpatient area of the hospital, he or she is counted as an emergency room visit and subsequently, as an inpatient admission.
Basic Utilization	Number of Operating Rooms	Number of units/rooms of a hospital or other hospital-owned and operated facility in which surgical procedures requiring anesthesia are performed.
Basic Utilization	Total outpatient visits	Number of outpatient visits reported by the hospital. An outpatient visit is defined as a visit by a patient who is not lodged in the hospital while receiving medical, dental, or other services. Each visit an outpatient makes to a discrete unit constitutes one visit regardless of the number of diagnostic and/or therapeutic treatments that the patient receives. Total outpatient visits include all clinic visits, referred visits, observation services, outpatient surgeries, and emergency room visits.
Basic Utilization	Total Surgical Operations	Those surgical operations, whether major or minor, performed in the operating room(s). A surgical operation involving more than one surgical procedure is still considered only one surgical operation.
Criteria Selection	Associated Territories and Puerto Rico	Census division defined by the Census Bureau that includes the Marshall Islands, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa.
Estimation Flag	(Estimation Flag) Admissions	Defines the nature of the number of total admissions as one of the following: reported by the hospital; estimated by the survey analysts for a nonreporting hospital; or expanded by the survey analysts to reflect a twelve-month time period for a hospital that reported for a time period less than twelve months.

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Estimation Flag	(Estimation Flag) Births	Defines the nature of the number of births as one of the following: reported by the hospital; estimated by the survey analysts for a nonreporting hospital; or expanded by the survey analysts to reflect a twelve-month time period for a hospital that reported for a time period less than twelve months.
Estimation Flag	(Estimation Flag) Full Time Total Personnel	Defines the nature of the number of full-time total personnel as one of the following: reported by the hospital; estimated by the survey analysts for a nonreporting hospital; or expanded by the survey analysts to reflect a twelve-month time period for a hospital that reported for a time period less than twelve months.
Estimation Flag	(Estimation Flag) Outpatient Visits Emergency	Defines the nature of the number of emergency visits as one of the following: reported by the hospital; estimated by the survey analysts for a nonreporting hospital; or expanded by the survey analysts to reflect a twelve-month time period for a hospital that reported for a time period less than twelve months.
Estimation Flag	(Estimation Flag) Outpatient Visits Total	Defines the nature of the number of total outpatient visits as one of the following: reported by the hospital; estimated by the survey analysts for a nonreporting hospital; or expanded by the survey analysts to reflect a twelve-month time period for a hospital that reported for a time period less than twelve months.
Estimation Flag	(Estimation Flag) Surgical Operations Total	Defines the nature of the number of total surgical operations as one of the following: reported by the hospital; estimated by the survey analysts for a nonreporting hospital; or expanded by the survey analysts to reflect a twelve-month time period for a hospital that reported for a time period less than twelve months.
Estimation Flag	(Estimation Flag) Total Expenses	Defines the nature of the dollar value of total expenses as one of the following: reported by the hospital; estimated by the survey analysts for a nonreporting hospital; or expanded by the survey analysts to reflect a twelve-month time period for a hospital that reported for a time period less than twelve months.
Estimation Flag	(Estimation Flag) Total Payroll Expenses	Defines the nature of the dollar value of total payroll expenses as one of the following: reported by the hospital; estimated by the survey analysts for a nonreporting hospital; or expanded by the survey analysts to reflect a twelve-month time period for a hospital that reported for a time period less than twelve months.

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Expenses	Expenses (total facility, excluding bad debt)	Defines the nature of the dollar value of total expenses for a 12-month period
Expenses	Total facility payroll expenses	Dollar value of the facility's total payroll for all personnel, including medical/dental residents and interns and other trainees. The dollar value includes payroll for personnel working in the nursing home unit of a hospital that owns and operates a nursing home-type unit/facility.
Facilities & Services - Beds	Acute long term care beds	Staffed beds set up to provide specialized acute hospital care to medically complex patients who are critically ill, have multisystem complications and/or failure, and require hospitalization averaging 25 days, in a facility offering specialized treatment programs and therapeutic intervention on a 24 hour/7 day a week basis.
Facilities & Services - Beds	Alcohol/drug abuse or dependency inpatient care beds	Staffed beds set up for patient care in a dedicated alcohol/drug abuse or dependency care unit.
Facilities & Services - Beds	Burn care beds	Staffed beds set up for patient care in a dedicated burn care unit. Staffed beds are beds actually set up for patient use. "Licensed beds" usually refers to the maximum number of beds for which a hospital has been licensed by the state in which it is located.
Facilities & Services - Beds	Cardiac intensive care beds	Staffed beds set up for patient care in a dedicated cardiac intensive care unit. Staffed beds are beds actually set up for patient use. "Licensed beds" usually refers to the maximum number of beds for which a hospital has been licensed by the state in which it is located.
Facilities & Services - Beds	General medical/surgical (adult) beds	Staffed beds set up for patient care in dedicated general medical/surgical care units. Staffed beds are beds actually set up for patient use. "Licensed beds" usually refers to the maximum number of beds for which a hospital has been licensed by the state in which it is located.
Facilities & Services - Beds	General medical and surgical (pediatric) beds	Staffed beds set up for patient care in a dedicated pediatric acute care unit. Staffed beds are beds actually set up for patient use. "Licensed beds" usually refers to the maximum number of beds for which a hospital has been licensed by the state in which it is located.

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Facilities & Services - Beds	Intermediate nursing care beds	Staffed beds set up for patient care in a dedicated intermediate nursing care unit. Staffed beds are beds actually set up for patient use. "Licensed beds" usually refers to the maximum number of beds for which a hospital has been licensed by the state in which it is located.
Facilities & Services - Beds	Medical/surgical intensive care beds	Staffed beds set up for patient care in a dedicated medical/surgical intensive care unit. Staffed beds are beds actually set up for patient use. "Licensed beds" usually refers to the maximum number of beds for which a hospital has been licensed by the state in which it is located.
Facilities & Services - Beds	Neonatal intensive care beds	Staffed beds set up for patient care in a dedicated neonatal intensive care unit. Staffed beds are beds actually set up for patient use. "Licensed beds" usually refers to the maximum number of beds for which a hospital has been licensed by the state in which it is located.
Facilities & Services - Beds	Neonatal intermediate care beds	Staffed beds set up for patient care in a dedicated neonatal intermediate care unit. Staffed beds are beds actually set up for patient use. "Licensed beds" usually refers to the maximum number of beds for which a hospital has been licensed by the state in which it is located.
Facilities & Services - Beds	Obstetric care beds	Staffed beds set up for patient care in a dedicated obstetrics care unit. Staffed beds are beds actually set up for patient use. "Licensed beds" usually refers to the maximum number of beds for which a hospital has been licensed by the state in which it is located.
Facilities & Services - Beds	Other care beds	Staffed beds set up for patient care in a dedicated care unit not elsewhere classified. Staffed beds are beds actually set up for patient use. "Licensed beds" usually refers to the maximum number of beds for which a hospital has been licensed by the state in which it is located.
Facilities & Services - Beds	Other intensive care beds	Staffed beds set up for patient care in a dedicated intensive care unit not elsewhere classified. Staffed beds are beds actually set up for patient use. "Licensed beds" usually refers to the maximum number of beds for which a hospital has been licensed by the state in which it is located.

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Facilities & Services - Beds	Other long-term care beds	Staffed beds set up for patient care in a dedicated long-term care unit that is not classified as either skilled nursing or intermediate care. Staffed beds are beds actually set up for patient use. "Licensed beds" usually refers to the maximum number of beds for which a hospital has been licensed by the state in which it is located.
Facilities & Services - Beds	Other special care beds	Staffed beds set up for patient care in a dedicated care unit that provides care to patients requiring care more intensive than that provided in the acute area, yet not sufficiently intensive to require admission to an intensive care unit. Staffed beds are beds actually set up for patient use. "Licensed beds" usually refers to the maximum number of beds for which a hospital has been licensed by the state in which it is located.
Facilities & Services - Beds	Pediatric intensive care beds	Staffed beds set up for patient care in a dedicated pediatric intensive care unit. Staffed beds are beds actually set up for patient use. "Licensed beds" usually refers to the maximum number of beds for which a hospital has been licensed by the state in which it is located.
Facilities & Services - Beds	Psychiatric care beds	Staffed beds set up for patient care in a dedicated psychiatric care unit. Staffed beds are beds actually set up for patient use. "Licensed beds" usually refers to the maximum number of beds for which a hospital has been licensed by the state in which it is located.
Facilities & Services - Beds	(Physical) Rehabilitation care beds	Staffed beds set up for patient care in a dedicated physical rehabilitation care unit. Staffed beds are beds actually set up for patient use. "Licensed beds" usually refers to the maximum number of beds for which a hospital has been licensed by the state in which it is located.
Facilities & Services - Beds	Skilled nursing care beds	Staffed beds set up for patient care in a dedicated skilled nursing care unit. Staffed beds are beds actually set up for patient use. "Licensed beds" usually refers to the maximum number of beds for which a hospital has been licensed by the state in which it is located.

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Facilities & Services	Acute long term care	Provides specialized acute hospital care to medically complex patients who are critically ill, have multisystem complications and/or failure, and require hospitalization averaging 25 days, in a facility offering specialized treatment programs and therapeutic intervention on a 24 hour/7 day a week basis.
Facilities & Services	Adult day care program	Program providing supervision, medical and psychological care, and social activities for older adults who live at home or in another family setting, but cannot be alone or prefer to be with others during the day. May include intake assessment, health monitoring, occupational therapy, personal care, noon meal, and transportation services.
Facilities & Services	Airborne Infection Isolation room	A single-occupancy room for patient care where environmental factors are controlled in an effort to minimize the transmission of those infectious agents, usually spread person to person by droplet nuclei associated with coughing or inhalation. Such rooms typically have specific ventilation requirements for controlled ventilation, air pressure and filtration.
Facilities & Services	Alcohol/drug abuse or dependency inpatient care	Provides diagnosis and therapeutic services to patients with alcoholism or other drug dependencies. Includes care for inpatient/residential treatment for patients whose course of treatment involves more intensive care than provided in an outpatient setting or where patient requires supervised withdrawal.
Facilities & Services	Alcohol/drug abuse or dependency outpatient services -	Organized hospital services that provide medical care and/or rehabilitative treatment services to outpatients for whom the primary diagnosis is alcoholism or other chemical dependency.
Facilities & Services	Alzheimer Center	Facility that offers care to persons with Alzheimer's disease and their families through an integrated program of clinical services, research, and education
Facilities & Services	Ambulance Services	Provision of ambulance services to the ill and injured who require medical attention on a scheduled or unscheduled basis.

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Facilities & Services	Ambulatory Surgery Center	Facility that provides care to patients requiring surgery who are admitted and discharged on the same day. Ambulatory surgery centers are distinct from same day surgical units within the hospital outpatient departments for purposes of Medicare payments.
Facilities & Services	Arthritis treatment center	Specifically equipped and staffed center for the diagnosis and treatment of arthritis and other joint disorders.
Facilities & Services	Assisted living services	A special combination of housing, supportive services, personalized assistance and health care designed to individual needs of those who need help in activities of daily living and instrumental activities of daily living. Supportive services are available, 24 hours a day, to meet scheduled and unscheduled needs, in a way that promotes maximum independence and dignity for each resident and encourages the involvement of a resident's family, neighbor and friends.
Facilities & Services	Auxiliary services	A volunteer community organization formed to assist the hospital in carrying out its purpose and to serve as a link between the institution and the community.
Facilities & Services	Bariatric/weight control services	Bariatrics is the medical practice of weight reduction.
Facilities & Services	Birthing room/ldr room/ldr room	A single-room type of maternity care with a more homelike setting for families than the traditional three-room unit (labor/delivery/recovery) with a separate postpartum area. 1 = Yes; 0 = No. A birthing room combines labor and delivery in one room. An LDR room accommodates three stages in the birthing process--labor, delivery, and recovery. An LDRP room accommodates all four stages of the birth process--labor, delivery, recovery, and postpartum.
Facilities & Services	Blood Donor Center	A facility that performs, or is responsible for the collection, processing, testing or distribution of blood and components.
Facilities & Services	Breast cancer screening/mammograms	Provides mammography screening, the use of breast x-ray to detect unsuspected breast cancer in asymptomatic women and/or diagnostic mammography, the x-ray imaging of breast tissue in symptomatic women who are considered to have a substantial likelihood of having breast cancer already.

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Facilities & Services	Full-Field Digital <b>Mammography (FFDM)</b>	Combines the x-ray generators and tubes used in analog screen-film mammography (SFM) with a detector plate that converts the x-rays into a digital signal.
Facilities & Services	Burn care	Provides care to severely burned patients. Severely burned patients are those with any of the following: (1) second-degree burns of more than 25% total body surface area for adults or 20% total body surface area for children; (2) third-degree burns of more than 10% total body surface area; (3) any severe burns of the hands, face, eyes, ears, or feet; or (4) all inhalation injuries, electrical burns, complicated burn injuries involving fractures and other major traumas, and all other poor risk factors.
Facilities & Services	Cardiac Electrophysiology - Adult	Evaluation and management of patients with complex rhythm or conduction abnormalities, including diagnostic testing, treatment of arrhythmias by catheter ablation or drug therapy, and pacemaker/defibrillator implantation and follow-up.
Facilities & Services	Cardiac Electrophysiology - Pediatric	Evaluation and management of patients with complex rhythm or conduction abnormalities, including diagnostic testing, treatment of arrhythmias by catheter ablation or drug therapy, and pacemaker/defibrillator implantation and follow-up.
Facilities & Services	Cardiac intensive care	Provides patient care of a more specialized nature than the usual medical and surgical care, on the basis of physicians' orders and approved nursing care plans. The unit is staffed with specially trained nursing personnel and contains monitoring and specialized support or treatment equipment for patients who, because of heart seizure, open-heart surgery, or other life-threatening conditions, require intensified, comprehensive observation and care. May include myocardial infarction, pulmonary care, and heart transplant units.

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Facilities & Services	Cardiac Rehabilitation	A medically supervised program to help heart patients recover quickly and improve their overall physical and mental functioning. The goal is to reduce risk of another cardiac event or to keep an already present heart condition from getting worse. Cardiac rehabilitation programs include: counseling to patients, an exercise program, helping patients modify risk factors such as smoking and high blood pressure, providing vocational guidance to enable the patient to return to work, supplying information on physical limitations and lending emotional support.
Facilities & Services	Cardiac Surgery - Adult	Includes minimally invasive procedures that include surgery done with only a small incision or no incision at all, such as through a laparoscope or an endoscope and more invasive major surgical procedures that include open chest and open heart surgery.
Facilities & Services	Cardiac Surgery - Pediatric	Includes minimally invasive procedures that include surgery done with only a small incision or no incision at all, such as through a laparoscope or an endoscope and more invasive major surgical procedures that include open chest and open heart surgery.
Facilities & Services	Case Management	A system of assessment, treatment planning, referral and follow-up that ensures the provision of comprehensive and continuous services and the coordination of payment and reimbursement for care.
Facilities & Services	Catheterization - Adult diagnostic/invasive	(also called coronary angiography or coronary arteriography) is used to assist in diagnosing complex heart conditions. Cardiac angiography involves the insertion of a tiny catheter into the artery in the groin then carefully threading the catheter up into the aorta where the coronary arteries originate. Once the catheter is in place, a dye is injected which allows the cardiologist to see the size, shape, and distribution of the coronary arteries. These images are used to diagnose heart disease and to determine, among other things, whether or not surgery is indicated.

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Facilities & Services	Catheterization - Adult interventional/cardiac	Non surgical procedure that utilizes the same basic principles as diagnostic catheterization and then uses advanced techniques to improve the heart's function. It can be a less-invasive alternative to heart surgery.
Facilities & Services	Catheterization - Pediatric interventional/cardiac	Non surgical procedure that utilizes the same basic principles as diagnostic catheterization and then uses advanced techniques to improve the heart's function. It can be a less-invasive alternative to heart surgery.
Facilities & Services	Catheterization - Pediatric diagnostic/invasive	(also called coronary angiography or coronary arteriography) is used to assist in diagnosing complex heart conditions. Cardiac angiography involves the insertion of a tiny catheter into the artery in the groin then carefully threading the catheter up into the aorta where the coronary arteries originate. Once the catheter is in place, a dye is injected which allows the cardiologist to see the size, shape, and distribution of the coronary arteries. These images are used to diagnose heart disease and to determine, among other things, whether or not surgery is indicated.
Facilities & Services	Chaplaincy/pastoral care services	A service ministering religious activities and providing pastoral counseling to patients, their families, and staff of a health care organization.
Facilities & Services	Chemotherapy Services	An organized program for the treatment of cancer by the use of drugs or chemicals
Facilities & Services	Child wellness program	A program that encourages improved health status and a healthful lifestyle of children through health education, exercise, nutrition and health promotion.
Facilities & Services	Chiropractic services	An organized clinical service including spinal manipulation or adjustment and related diagnostic and therapeutic services.
Facilities & Services	Colonoscopy, Optical	An examination of the interior of the colon using a long, flexible, lighted tube with a small built-in camera.
Facilities & Services	Colonoscopy, Virtual	Noninvasive screening procedure used to visualize, analyze and detect cancerous or potentially cancerous polyps in the colon.
Facilities & Services	Community Health Education	Education that provides information to individuals and populations, support to personal, family and community health decisions with the objective of improving health status.

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Facilities & Services	Community outreach	A program that systematically interacts with the community to identify those in need of services, alerting persons and their families to the availability of services, locating needed services, and enabling persons to enter the service delivery system.
Facilities & Services	Complementary medicine services	Organized hospital services or formal arrangements to providers that provide care or treatment not based solely on traditional western allopathic medical teachings as instructed in most U.S. medical schools. Includes any of the following: acupuncture, chiropractic, homeopathy, osteopathy, diet and lifestyle changes, herbal medicine, massage therapy, etc.
Facilities & Services	Computed-tomography (CT) scanner	Computed tomographic scanner for head or whole body scans.
Facilities & Services	Computer Assisted Orthopedic Surgery (CAOS)	Orthopedic surgery using computer technology, enabling three-dimensional graphic models to visualize a patient's anatomy.
Facilities & Services	Crisis prevention	Services provided in order to promote physical and mental well being and the early identification of disease and ill health prior to the onset and recognition of symptoms so as to permit early treatment.
Facilities & Services	Dental services	An organized dental service or dentists on staff, not necessarily involving special facilities, providing dental or oral services to inpatients or outpatients.
Facilities & Services	Diagnostic radioisotope facility	The use of radioactive isotopes (radiopharmaceuticals) as tracers or indicators to detect an abnormal condition or disease.
Facilities & Services	Electron Beam Computed Tomography	A high tech computed tomography scan used to detect coronary artery disease by measuring coronary calcifications. This imaging procedure uses electron beams which are magnetically steered to produce a visual of the coronary artery and the images are produced faster than conventional CT scans
Facilities & Services	Emergency Department	Hospital facilities for the provision of unscheduled outpatient services to patients whose conditions require immediate care.

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Facilities & Services	Endoscopic ultrasound	Specially designed endoscope that incorporates an ultrasound transducer used to obtain detailed images of organs in the chest and abdomen. The endoscope can be passed through the mouth or the anus. When combined with needle biopsy the procedure can assist in diagnosis of disease and staging of cancer.
Facilities & Services	Ablation of Barret's Esophagus	Premalignant condition that can lead to adenocarcinoma of the esophagus. The nonsurgical ablation of premalignant tissue in Barrett's esophagus by the application of thermal energy or light through an endoscope passed from the mouth into the esophagus.
Facilities & Services	Esophageal Impedance Study	A test in which a catheter is placed through the nose into the esophagus to measure whether gas or liquids are passing from the stomach into the esophagus and causing symptoms.
Facilities & Services	Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiopancreatography (ERCP)	A procedure in which a catheter is introduced through an endoscope into the bile ducts and pancreatic ducts. Injection of contrast material permits detailed x-ray of these structures. The procedure is used diagnostically as well as therapeutically to relieve obstruction or remove stones.
Facilities & Services	Freestanding/Satellite <b>Emergency</b> Department	A facility owned and operated by the hospital but physically separate from the hospital for the provision of unscheduled outpatient services to patients whose conditions require immediate care.
Facilities & Services	Enabling Services	A program that is designed to help the patient access health care services by offering any of the following linguistic services, transportation services, and/or referrals to local social services agencies.
Facilities & Services	Enrollment Assistant Program	A program that provides enrollment assistance for patients who are potentially eligible for public health insurance programs such as Medicaid, State Children's Health Insurance, or local/state indigent care programs.
Facilities & Services	Extracorporeal shock-wave lithotripter (ESWL)	A medical device used for treating stones in the kidney or urethra. The device disintegrates kidney stones noninvasively through the transmission of acoustic shock waves directed at the stones.

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Facilities & Services	Fertility Clinic	A specialized program set in an infertility center that provides counseling and education as well as advanced reproductive techniques such as: injectable therapy, reproductive surgeries, treatment for endometriosis, male factor infertility, tubal reversals, in vitro fertilization (IVF), donor eggs, and other such services to help patients achieve successful pregnancies
Facilities & Services	Fitness center	Provides exercise, testing, or evaluation programs and fitness activities to the community and hospital employees.
Facilities & Services	Freestanding outpatient care center	A facility owned and operated by the hospital, but physically separate from the hospital, that provides various medical treatments on an outpatient basis only. In addition to treating minor illnesses or injuries, the center will stabilize seriously ill or injured patients before transporting them to a hospital. Laboratory and radiology services are usually available.
Facilities & Services	General medical/surgical care (adult)	Provides acute care to patients in medical and surgical units on the basis of physicians' orders and approved nursing care plans.
Facilities & Services	General medical and surgical care (pediatric)	Provides acute care to pediatric patients on the basis of physicians' orders and approved nursing care plans.
Facilities & Services	Genetic Testing/Counseling	A service equipped with adequate laboratory facilities and directed by a qualified physician to advise parents and prospective parents on potential problems in cases of genetic defects. A genetic test is the analysis of human DNA, RNA, chromosomes, proteins, and certain metabolites in order to detect heritable disease-related genotypes, mutations, phenotypes, or karyotypes for clinical purposes. Genetic tests can have diverse purposes, including the diagnosis of genetic diseases in newborns, children, and adults; the identification of future health risks; the prediction of drug responses; and the assessment of risks to future children
Facilities & Services	Geriatric services	The branch of medicine dealing with the physiology of aging and the diagnosis and treatment of disease affecting the aged. Services could include: adult day care; Alzheimer's diagnostic-assessment services; comprehensive geriatric assessment; emergency response system; geriatric acute care unit; and/or geriatric clinics.

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Facilities & Services	Health Fair	Community health education events that focus on the prevention of disease and promotion of health through such activities as audiovisual exhibits and free diagnostic services.
Facilities & Services	Health research	Organized hospital research program in any of the following areas: basic research, clinical research, community health research, and/or research on innovative health care delivery.
Facilities & Services	Health screenings	A preliminary procedure such as a test or examination to detect the most characteristic sign or signs of a disorder that may require further investigation.
Facilities & Services	Hemodialysis Services	Provision of equipment and personnel for the treatment of renal insufficiency on an inpatient or outpatient basis
Facilities & Services	HIV-AIDS services/unit	Special unit or team designated and equipped specifically for diagnosis, treatment, continuing care planning, and counseling services for HIV-AIDS patients and their families. General inpatient care for HIV-AIDS-Inpatient diagnosis and treatment for human immunodeficiency virus and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome patients, but dedicated unit is not available. Specialized outpatient program for HIV-AIDS-Special outpatient program providing diagnostic, treatment, continuing care planning, and counseling for HIV-AIDS patients and their families.
Facilities & Services	Home health services	Service providing nursing, therapy, and health-related homemaker or social services in the patient's home.
Facilities & Services	Hospice	A recognized clinical program with specific eligibility criteria that provides palliative medical care focused on relief of pain and symptom control and other services that address the emotional, social, financial and spiritual needs of terminally ill patients and their families. Hospice care can be provided either at home, in a hospital setting, or a free-standing facility.
Facilities & Services	Hospital-based outpatient care center/services	Organized hospital health care services offered by appointment on an ambulatory basis. Services may include outpatient surgery, examination, diagnosis, and treatment of a variety of medical conditions on a nonemergency basis, and laboratory and other diagnostic testing as ordered by staff or outside physician referral.

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Facilities & Services	Image-Guided Radiation Therapy (IGRT)	Automated system for image-guided radiation therapy that enables clinicians to obtain high-resolution x-ray images to pinpoint tumor sites, adjust patient positioning when necessary, and complete a treatment, all within the standard treatment time slot, allowing for more effective cancer treatments.
Facilities & Services	Immunization program	Program that plans, coordinates and conducts immunization services in the community.
Facilities & Services	Indigent care clinic	Health care services for uninsured and underinsured persons where care is free of charge or charged on a sliding scale. This would include "free clinics" staffed by volunteer practitioners, but could also be staffed by employees with the sponsoring health care organization subsidizing the cost of service.
Facilities & Services	Intensity-Modulated Radiation Therapy	A type of three-dimensional radiation therapy, which improves the targeting of treatment delivery in a way that is likely to decrease damage to normal tissues and allows varying intensities
Facilities & Services	Intermediate nursing care	Provides health-related services (skilled nursing care and social services) to residents with a variety of physical conditions or functional disabilities. These residents do not require the care provided by a hospital or skilled nursing facility, but do need supervision and support services.
Facilities & Services	Linguistic/translation services	Services provided by the hospital designed to make health care more accessible to non-English speaking patients and their physicians.
Facilities & Services	Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)	The use of a uniform magnetic field and radio frequencies to study tissue and structure of the body. This procedure enables the visualization of biochemical activity of the cell in vivo without the use of ionizing radiation, radioisotopic substances, or high-frequency sound.
Facilities & Services	Meals on wheels	A hospital-sponsored program which delivers meals to people, usually the elderly, who are unable to prepare their own meals. Low cost, nutritional meals are delivered to individuals' homes on a regular basis.

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Facilities & Services	Medical/surgical intensive care	Provides patient care of a more intensive nature than the usual medical and surgical care, on the basis of physicians' orders and approved nursing care plans. These units are staffed with specially trained nursing personnel and contain monitoring and specialized support equipment for patients who because of shock, trauma or other life-threatening conditions require intensified comprehensive observation and care. Includes mixed intensive care units.
Facilities & Services	Mobile Health Services	Vans and other vehicles used to deliver primary care services.
Facilities & Services	Multislice Spiral Computed Tomography (MSCT)	A specialized computed tomography procedure that provides three-dimensional processing and allows narrower and multiple slices with increased spatial resolution and faster scanning times as compared to a regular computed tomography scan
Facilities & Services	Multi-Slice Spiral Computed Tomography (64+ slice CT)	Involves the acquisition of volumetric tomographic x-ray absorption data expressed in Hounsfield units using multiple rows of detectors. 64+ systems reconstruct the equivalent of 64 or greater slices to cover the imaged volume.
Facilities & Services	Neonatal intensive care	A unit that must be separate from the newborn nursery providing intensive care to all sick infants including those with the very lowest birth weights (less than 1500 grams). NICU has potential for providing mechanical ventilation, neonatal surgery, and special care for the sickest infants born in the hospital or transferred from another institution. A full-time neonatologist serves as director of the NICU.
Facilities & Services	Neonatal intermediate care	A unit that must be separate from the normal newborn nursery and that provides intermediate and/or recover care and some specialized services, including immediate resuscitation, intravenous therapy, and capacity for prolonged oxygen therapy and monitoring.
Facilities & Services	Neurological services	Services provided by the hospital dealing with the operative and nonoperative management of disorders of the central, peripheral, and autonomic nervous system.
Facilities & Services	Nutrition programs	Those services within a health care facility which are designed to provide inexpensive, nutritionally sound meals to patients.
Facilities & Services	Obstetric care	Provides care, examination, treatment, and other services to women during pregnancy, labor, and the puerperium.

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Facilities & Services	Obstetric unit care level	Levels should be designated: (1) unit provides services for uncomplicated maternity and newborn cases; (2) unit provides services for uncomplicated cases, the majority of complicated problems, and special neonatal services; and (3) unit provides services for all serious illnesses and abnormalities and is supervised by a full-time maternal/fetal specialist.
Facilities & Services	Occupational health services	Includes services designed to protect the safety of employees from hazards in the work environment.
Facilities & Services	Oncology services	Inpatient and outpatient services for patients with cancer, including comprehensive care, support and guidance in addition to patient education and prevention, chemotherapy, counseling and other treatment methods.
Facilities & Services	Orthopedic Services	Services provided for the prevention or correction of injuries or disorders of the skeletal system and associated muscles, joints and ligaments
Facilities & Services	Other care	Any type of patient care unit not elsewhere classified.
Facilities & Services	Other intensive care	A specially staffed, specialty equipped, separate section of a hospital dedicated to the observation, care, and treatment of patients with life threatening illnesses, injuries, or complications from which recovery is possible. It provides special expertise and facilities for the support of vital function and utilizes the skill of medical nursing and other staff experienced in the management of these problems.
Facilities & Services	Other long-term care	Provision of long term care other than skilled nursing care or intermediate care. This can include residential care-elderly housing services for those who do not require daily medical or nursing services, but may require some assistance in the activities of daily living, or sheltered care facilities for developmentally disabled.
Facilities & Services	Other special care	Provides care to patients requiring care more intensive than that provided in the acute area, yet not sufficiently intensive to require admission to an intensive care unit. Patients admitted to this area are usually transferred here from an intensive care unit once their condition has improved. These units are sometimes referred to as definitive observation, step-down, or progressive care units.

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Facilities & Services	Outpatient surgery	Scheduled surgical services provided to patients who do not remain in the hospital overnight. The surgery may be performed in operating suites also used for inpatient surgery, specially designated surgical suites for outpatient surgery, or procedure rooms within an outpatient care facility.
Facilities & Services	Pain Management Program	A recognized clinical service or program providing specialized medical care, drugs or therapies for the management of acute or chronic pain and other distressing symptoms, administered by specially trained physicians and other clinicians, to patients suffering from an acute illness of diverse causes.
Facilities & Services	Palliative Care Program	An organized program providing specialized medical care, drugs or therapies for the management of acute or chronic pain and/or the control of symptoms administered by specially trained physicians and other clinicians; and supportive care services, such as counseling on advanced directives, spiritual care, and social services, to patients with advanced disease and their families.
Facilities & Services	Inpatient Palliative Care Unit	An inpatient palliative care ward is a physically discreet, inpatient nursing unit where the focus is palliative care. The patient care focus is on symptom relief for complex patients who may be continuing to undergo primary treatment. Care is delivered by palliative medicine specialists.
Facilities & Services	Patient Controlled Analgesia (PCA)	Patient-controlled Analgesia (PCA) is intravenously administered pain medicine under the patient's control. The patient has a button on the end of a cord than can be pushed at will, whenever more pain medicine is desired. This button will only deliver more pain medicine at pre-determined intervals, as programmed by the doctor's order.
Facilities & Services	Patient education center	Written goals and objectives for the patient and/or family related to therapeutic regimens, medical procedures, and self care.
Facilities & Services	Patient representative services	Organized hospital services providing personnel through whom patients and staff can seek solutions to institutional problems affecting the delivery of high-quality care and services.

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Facilities & Services	Pediatric intensive care	Provides care to pediatric patients that is of a more intensive nature than that usually provided to pediatric patients. The unit is staffed with specially trained personnel and contains monitoring and specialized support equipment for treatment of patients who, because of shock, trauma, or other life-threatening conditions, require intensified, comprehensive observation and care.
Facilities & Services	Physical <b>rehabilitation</b> care	Provides care encompassing a comprehensive array of restoration services for the disabled and all support services necessary to help patients attain their maximum functional capacity.
Facilities & Services	Physical <b>rehabilitation</b> outpatient services	Outpatient program providing medical, health-related, therapy, social, and/or vocational services to help disabled persons attain or retain their maximum functional capacity.
Facilities & Services	Positron emission tomography (PET)	Positron emission tomography scanner is a nuclear medicine imaging technology which uses radioactive (positron emitting) isotopes created in a cyclotron or generator and computers to produce composite pictures of the brain and heart at work. PET scanning produces sectional images depicting metabolic activity or blood flow rather than anatomy.
Facilities & Services	Positron Emission Tomography/CT (PET/CT)	Provides metabolic functional information for the monitoring of chemotherapy, radiotherapy, and surgical planning.
Facilities & Services	Primary care department	A unit or clinic within the hospital that provides primary care services (e.g. general pediatric care, general internal medicine, family practice, gynecology) through hospital-salaried medical and/or nursing staff, focusing on evaluating and diagnosing medical problems and providing medical treatment on an outpatient basis.
Facilities & Services	Proton therapy	A form of radiation therapy which administers proton beams. While producing the same biologic effects as x-ray beams, the energy distribution of protons differs from conventional x-ray beams in that they can be more precisely focused in tissue volumes in a three-dimensional pattern resulting in less surrounding tissue damage than conventional radiation therapy permitting administration of higher doses.

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Facilities & Services	Psychiatric care	Provides acute or long-term care to emotionally disturbed patients, including patients admitted for diagnosis and those admitted for treatment of psychiatric problems, on the basis of physicians' orders and approved nursing care plans. Long-term care may include intensive supervision to the chronically mentally ill, mentally disordered, or other mentally incompetent persons.
Facilities & Services	Psychiatric child/adolescent services	Provides care to emotionally disturbed children and adolescents, including those admitted for diagnosis and those admitted for treatment.
Facilities & Services	Psychiatric consultation/liaison services	Provides organized psychiatric consultation/liaison services to nonpsychiatric hospital staff and/or departments on psychological aspects of medical care that may be generic or specific to individual patients.
Facilities & Services	Psychiatric education services	Provides psychiatric educational services to community agencies and workers such as schools, police, courts, public health nurses, welfare agencies, clergy, and so forth. The purpose is to expand the mental health knowledge and competence of personnel not working in the mental health field and to promote good mental health through improved understanding, attitudes, and behavioral patterns.
Facilities & Services	Psychiatric emergency services	Services of facilities available on a 24-hour basis to provide immediate unscheduled out-patient care, diagnosis, evaluation, crisis intervention, and assistance to persons suffering acute emotional or mental distress.
Facilities & Services	Psychiatric geriatric services	Provides care to emotionally disturbed elderly patients, including those admitted for diagnosis and those admitted for treatment.
Facilities & Services	Psychiatric outpatient services	Provides medical care, including diagnosis and treatment, of psychiatric outpatients.
Facilities & Services	Psychiatric partial hospitalization program	Organized hospital services of intensive day/evening outpatient services of three hours or more duration, distinguished from other outpatient visits of one hour.

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Facilities & Services	Retirement housing	A facility that provides social activities to senior citizens, usually retired persons, who do not require health care but some short-term skilled nursing care may be provided. A retirement center may furnish housing and may also have acute hospital and long-term care facilities, or it may arrange for acute and long-term care through affiliated institutions.
Facilities & Services	Robot-Assisted Walking Therapy	A form of physical therapy that uses a robotic device to assist patients who are relearning how to walk.
Facilities & Services	Robotic Surgery	The use of mechanical guidance devices to remotely manipulate surgical instrumentation.
Facilities & Services	Shaped-Beam Radiation System	A precise, non-invasive treatment that involves targeting beams of radiation that mirror the exact size and shape of a tumor at a specific area of a tumor to shrink or destroy cancerous cells. This procedure delivers a therapeutic dose of radiation that conforms precisely to the shape of the tumor, thus minimizing the risk to nearby tissues
Facilities & Services	Simulated Rehabilitation Environment	Rehabilitation focused on retraining functional skills in a contextually appropriate environment (simulated home and community settings) or in a traditional setting (gymnasium) using motor learning principles.
Facilities & Services	Single photon emission computerized tomography (SPECT) - hospital	Single photon emission computerized tomography is a nuclear medicine imaging technology that combines existing technology of gamma camera imaging with computed tomographic imaging technology to provide a more precise and clear image.
Facilities & Services	Skilled nursing care	Provides non-acute medical and skilled nursing care services, therapy, and social services under the supervision of a licensed registered nurse on a 24-hour basis.
Facilities & Services	Sleep center	Specially equipped and staffed center for the diagnosis and treatment of sleep disorders.
Facilities & Services	Social work services	Organized services that are properly directed and sufficiently staffed by qualified individuals who provide assistance and counseling to patients and their families in dealing with social, emotional, and environmental problems associated with illness or disability, often in the context of financial or discharge planning coordination.

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Facilities & Services	Sports medicine	Provision of diagnostic screening and assessment and clinical and rehabilitation services for the prevention and treatment of sports-related injuries.
Facilities & Services	Stereotactic Radiosurgery	Stereotactic radiosurgery (SRS) is a radiotherapy modality that delivers a high dosage of radiation to a discrete treatment area in as few as one treatment session. Includes gamma knife, cyberknife, etc.
Facilities & Services	Support groups	A hospital-sponsored program that allows a group of individuals with the same or similar problems who meet periodically to share experiences, problems, and solutions in order to support each other.
Facilities & Services	Teen outreach services	A program focusing on the teenager which encourages an improved health status and a healthful lifestyle including physical, emotional, mental, social, spiritual and economic health through education, exercise, nutrition and health promotion.
Facilities & Services	Tobacco treatment services	Organized hospital services with the purpose of ending tobacco-use habits of patients addicted to tobacco/nicotine.
Facilities & Services	Transplant Service - Bone Marrow	(Bone Marrow) The branch of medicine that transfers an organ or tissue from one person to another or from one part to another to replace a diseased structure or to restore function or to change appearance.
Facilities & Services	Transplant Service - Heart	(Heart) The branch of medicine that transfers an organ or tissue from one person to another or from one part to another to replace a diseased structure or to restore function or to change appearance.
Facilities & Services	Transplant Service - Kidney	(Kidney) The branch of medicine that transfers an organ or tissue from one person to another or from one part to another to replace a diseased structure or to restore function or to change appearance.
Facilities & Services	Transplant Service - Liver	(Liver) The branch of medicine that transfers an organ or tissue from one person to another or from one part to another to replace a diseased structure or to restore function or to change appearance.

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Facilities & Services	Transplant Service - Lung	(Lung) The branch of medicine that transfers an organ or tissue from one person to another or from one part to another to replace a diseased structure or to restore function or to change appearance.
Facilities & Services	Transplant Service - Other	(Other) Includes heart/lung, or other multi-transplant surgeries. The branch of medicine that transfers an organ or tissue from one person to another or from one part to another to replace a diseased structure or to restore function or to change appearance.
Facilities & Services	Transplant Service - Tissue	(Tissue) The branch of medicine that transfers an organ or tissue from one person to another or from one part to another to replace a diseased structure or to restore function or to change appearance.
Facilities & Services	Transportation to health facilities	A long-term care support service designed to assist the mobility of the elderly. Some programs offer improved financial access by offering reduced rates and barrier-free buses or vans with ramps and lifts to assist the elderly or handicapped; others offer subsidies for public transport systems or operate mini-bus services exclusively for use by senior citizens.
Facilities & Services	Trauma Center (Certified)	A facility certified to provide emergency and specialized intensive care to critically ill and injured patients.
Facilities & Services	Trauma Center Level	Level 1: A regional resource trauma center, which is capable of providing total care for every aspect of injury and plays a leadership role in trauma research and education. Level 2: A community trauma center, which is capable of providing trauma care to all but the most severely injured patients who require highly specialized care. Level 3: A rural trauma hospital, which is capable of providing care to a large number of injury victims and can resuscitate and stabilize more severely injured patients so that they can be transported to level 1 or 2 facilities. N.B. Trauma centers are certified by the state in which they are located; sometimes, a hospital will supply the level designation assigned by the state, which may be different than the levels defined by AHA.
Facilities & Services	Ultrasound	The use of acoustic waves above the range of 20,000 cycles per second to visualize internal body structures.

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Facilities & Services	Urgent care center	A facility that provides care and treatment for problems that are not life-threatening but require attention over the short term. These units function like emergency rooms but are separate from hospitals with which they may have backup affiliation arrangements.
Facilities & Services	Volunteer services department	An organized hospital department responsible for coordinating the services of volunteers working within the institution.
Facilities & Services	Women's health center/services	An area set aside for coordinated education and treatment services specifically for and promoted to women as provided by this special unit. Services may or may not include obstetrics but include a range of services other than OB.
Facilities & Services	Wound management	Services for patients with chronic wounds and non-healing wounds often resulting from diabetes, poor circulation, improper seating and immunocompromising conditions.
Geographic Classification	CBSA/MSA Code	The code for either a Metropolitan Statistical Area, Metropolitan Division, or a Micropolitan Statistical Area as assigned by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) effective June 6, 2003. Where a Metropolitan Statistical Area includes multiple Metropolitan Divisions only the individual Divisions are coded and not the larger Metropolitan Statistical Area. A code of "0" designates a rural area.
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Geographic Classification	CBSA/MSA Type	<b>Type of Core-based statistical Area (CBSA).</b> The "Metro" type designates a Metropolitan Statistical Area. The "Division" type designates a Metropolitan Division within a larger Metropolitan Statistical Area. The "Micro" type designates a Micropolitan Statistical Area. The "Rural" type designates a rural area. To arrive at the historically consistent definition of "Rural", the "Micro" type should be combined with the "Rural" type.
Geographic Classification	Census division (region)	Group of states (region) defined by U.S. Census Bureau
Geographic Classification	County name (hospital)	Name of the county in which the hospital is located.
Geographic Classification	FIPS County code	Three-digit Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) code assigned by the Census Bureau to each county in each state. For more information on FIPS codes, go to <a href="http://www.itl.nist.gov/fipspubs/index.htm">www.itl.nist.gov/fipspubs/index.htm</a> .
Geographic Classification	FIPS State and County Code	Five-digit Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) code that combines the FIPS state code and FIPS county code assigned by the Census Bureau into a single identifier. For more information on FIPS codes, go to <a href="http://www.itl.nist.gov/fipspubs/index.htm">www.itl.nist.gov/fipspubs/index.htm</a> .
Geographic Classification	Location (Rural/Urban)	Derived from CBSA Type: For purposes of this product, Micropolitan areas are combined with rural to achieve "Rural" location. "Urban" is derived from Metro combined with Division types
Geographic Classification	Modified FIPS County Code	Three-digit Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) code assigned by the Census Bureau. County codes generally are odd numbers assigned to an alphabetical listing of the counties within a state. Baltimore City is included in Baltimore County, St Louis City is included in St Louis County, and the independent cities in Virginia are each included in the contiguous counties. Kalawao County, Hawaii is included in Maui County. The four Alaska Judicial Divisions were used as counties. This is an AHA-derived code. For more information on FIPS codes, go to <a href="http://www.itl.nist.gov/fipspubs/index.htm">www.itl.nist.gov/fipspubs/index.htm</a> .
Insurance Products	Health maintenance organization (HMO)	Hospital has an equity interest in a health maintenance organization.

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Insurance Products	Indemnity fee for service plan	Hospital has an equity interest in an indemnity fee-for-service plan.
Insurance Products	Preferred provider organization (PPO)	Hospital has an equity interest in a preferred provider organization.
Physician Organizations	Closed physician-hospital organization	The hospital maintains a physician-hospital organization (PHO) that restricts physician membership to those practitioners who meet criteria for cost effectiveness and/or high quality.
Physician Organizations	Equity model	The hospital allows established practitioners to become shareholders in a professional corporation in exchange for tangible and intangible assets of their existing practices.
Physician Organizations	Foundation	The hospital maintains a corporation, organized either as a hospital affiliate or subsidiary, which purchases both the tangible and intangible assets of one or more medical group practices. Physicians remain in a separate corporate entity but sign a professional services agreement with the foundation.
Physician Organizations	Group practice without walls	Hospital sponsors the formation of, or provides capital to physicians to establish, a "quasi" group to share administrative expenses while remaining independent practitioners.
Physician Organizations	Independent practice association	Hospital sponsors an independent practice association (IPA), a legal entity that holds managed care contracts. The IPA then contracts with physicians, usually in solo practice, to provide care either on a fee-for-services or capitated basis. The purpose of an IPA is to assist solo physicians in obtaining managed care contracts.
Physician Organizations	Integrated salary model	Hospital has an arrangement in place whereby physicians are salaried by the hospital or another entity of a health system to provide medical services for primary care and specialty care.
Physician Organizations	Management service organization	Hospital maintains a corporation, owned by the hospital or a physician/hospital joint venture, that provides management services to one or more medical group practices. The management services organization (MSO) purchases the tangible assets of the practices and leases them back as part of a full-service management agreement, under which the MSO employs all non-physician staff and provides all supplies/administrative systems for a fee.

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Physician Organizations	Number of physicians, Closed Physicians Organization (PHO)	Number of physicians participating in the hospital-based closed physician-hospital organization (PHO).
Physician Organizations	Number of physicians, Equity Model	Number of physicians participating in the hospital-based equity model.
Physician Organizations	Number of physicians, Foundation	The number of physicians participating in the hospital-based foundation.
Physician Organizations	Number of physicians, Group Practice without walls	Number of physicians involved in the hospital-based group practice without walls arrangement.
Physician Organizations	Number of physicians, Independent Practice Association	Number of physicians involved in the hospital-based independent practice association.
Physician Organizations	Number of physicians, Integrated Salary Model	Number of physicians involved in the hospital-based integrated salary model.
Physician Organizations	Number of physicians, Management Service Organization (MSO)	Number of physicians involved in the hospital-based management service organization.
Physician Organizations	Number of physicians, Open Physicians Organization (PHO)	Number of physicians participating in the hospital-based open physician-hospital organization (PHO).
Physician Organizations	Open physician-hospital organization	The hospital maintains a joint venture between the hospital and all members of the medical staff who wish to participate. The open physician-hospital organization (PHO) can act as a unified agent in managed care contracting, own a managed care plan, own and operate ambulatory care centers or ancillary services projects, or provide administrative services to physician members.
Staffing	Full time equivalent physicians and dentists	Number that represents the full-time equivalent physicians and dentists employed directly by the hospital. Includes only those physicians and dentists engaged in clinical practice and on the payroll. Those who hold administrative positions are reported as "other personnel." The number excludes those physicians and dentists who are paid on a fee basis and should not be interpreted as representing the size of the hospital's medical staff. The number is calculated using the following formula: Full-time physicians and dentists + (part-time physicians and dentists / 2).

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Staffing	Full time equivalent registered nurses	Number that represents the full-time equivalent registered nurses working for the hospital. Registered nurses are defined as nurses who have graduated from approved schools of nursing, and who are currently registered by the state. They are responsible for the nature and quality of all nursing care that patients receive. The number does not include private duty nurses, and nurses in administrative positions are reported as "other personnel." The number is calculated using the following formula: Full-time registered nurses + (part-time registered nurses / 2).
Staffing	Full time equivalent - Total Personnel	Full Time Equivalent - Total Personnel. Full-time equivalents were calculated on the basis that two part-time persons equal one full-time person.
Staffing	Full time total personnel	Sum of all categories of full-time personnel working for the hospital, including: physicians and dentists; medical/dental residents and interns; other trainees; registered nurses; licensed practical or vocational nurses; nursing assistive personnel; all other personnel. This number includes those personnel working in the nursing home unit of a hospital that owns and operates a nursing home-type unit/facility. Full-time personnel are defined as those personnel working a minimum of 35 hours a week.
System & Network Wizard	AHA System Classification (cluster)	A health system is assigned to one of five categories based on how much they differentiate and centralize their hospital services, physician arrangements, and provider-based insurance products.
System & Network Wizard	System Control	The type of organizational control reported by the health care system
System & Network Wizard	System ID	Unique numerical identifier assigned by AHA to each health system. The information in this field comes from the AHA membership database.
System & Network Wizard	Total Expenses - Hospital Participants Only	The aggregate 'Total Expenses' based on the reported Total Expenses for each of the affiliated hospitals within the Health Care System or Integrated Delivery Network. This value is a standard output in the System/Network query.

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System & Network Wizard	Total FTEs - Hospital Participants Only	The aggregate 'Total FTEs' based on the reported Total FTEs for each of the affiliated hospitals within the Health Care System or Integrated Delivery Network. This value is a standard output in the System/Network query.
System & Network Wizard	Total Number of Admissions - Hospital Participants Only	The aggregate 'Total Number of Admissions' based on the reported Total Admissions for each of the affiliated hospitals within the Health Care System or Integrated Delivery Network. This value is a standard output in the System/Network query.
System & Network Wizard	Total Number of Staffed Beds - Hospital Participants Only	The aggregate 'Total Number of Staffed Beds' based on the reported Staffed Beds for each of the affiliated hospitals within the Health Care System or Integrated Delivery Network. This value is a standard output in the System/Network query.
System & Network Wizard	Total Number of Surgical Operations - Hospital Participants Only	The aggregate 'Total number of Surgical Operations' based on the reported Surgical Operations for each of the affiliated hospitals within the Health Care System or Integrated Delivery Network. This value is a standard output in the System/Network query.