

HealthGrades: 11 South Florida hospitals have top emergency care

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HealthGrades recognized 11 South Florida hospitals as having among the nation's best emergency department care.

The Golden, Colo.-based company studied more than 7 million Medicare patient records from 2007 through 2009 and recognized the top 5 percent of hospitals for positive outcomes in the 12 most common life-threatening emergencies. It only looked at patients admitted to the hospital after visiting the ER, as opposed to patients who were treated in the ER and then discharged.

Based on the number of hospitals recognized, HealthGrades named the West Palm Beach the sixth-best city for emergency medicine hospital care. Cincinnati was the top city.

In South Florida, the hospitals recognized for top emergency department care were:

- Bethesda Memorial Hospital, Boynton Beach
- Boca Raton Regional Hospital
- Cleveland Clinic Florida, Weston
- Delray Medical Center
- Doctors Hospital, Coral Gables
- JFK Medical Center, Atlantis
- Jupiter Medical Center
- Kendall Regional Medical Center
- Memorial Hospital Pembroke
- Memorial Hospital West, Pembroke Pines
- Mercy Hospital, Miami

The study also found that nearly 91 percent of hospital admissions in the Miami-Fort Lauderdale area came through the emergency department. That's the third-highest percentage in the nation, trailing only Providence, R.I., and Las Vegas.

In February, HealthGrades announced its list of the [50 best hospitals in the U.S.](#) That list included, Boca Raton Regional Hospital, **Delray Medical Center**, **Jupiter Medical Center** and **Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center**.

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