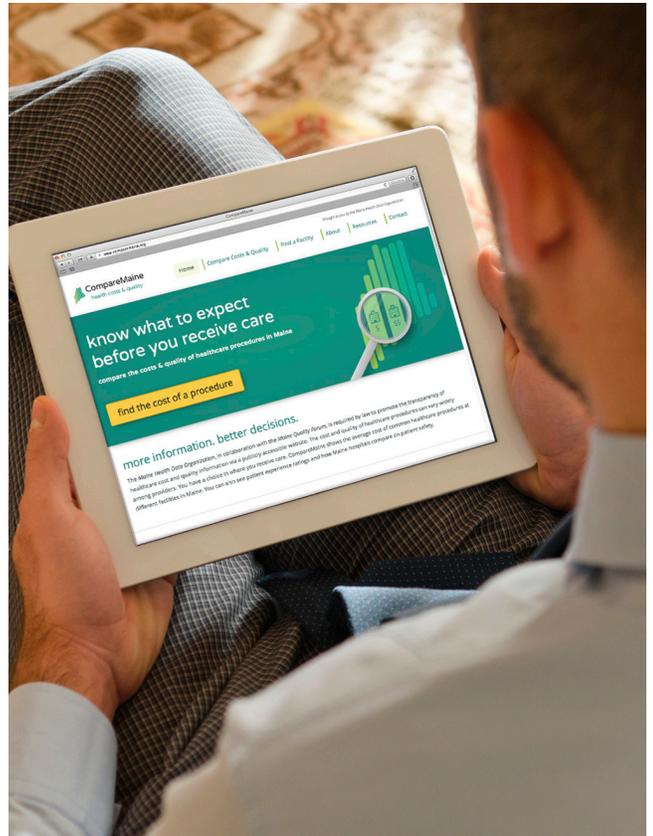


making health care more transparent

The *Maine Health Data Organization*, in collaboration with the *Maine Quality Forum*, is required by Maine law to promote the transparency of health care cost and quality information for common health care procedures via a publicly accessible website.

The cost and quality of health care procedures can vary widely among facilities. You may have a choice in where you receive care. CompareMaine shows the average cost of common health care procedures at different facilities in Maine. You can also see patient experience ratings and how Maine hospitals compare on patient safety.



here's what you can find on CompareMaine:

health care procedures

Over 200 are listed – from childbirth to knee replacement surgery to blood tests.

costs

The amount the facility typically gets paid by the insurer including member cost sharing for a medical procedure.

insurers

See the average payments made by the top five insurers (including consumer payments) to facilities. Cost data are not included for MaineCare (Medicaid) or Medicare.

patient experience

Facilities are rated by their patients on their overall experience and quality of care.

complications

Facilities are rated on their ability to prevent serious complications.

infections

Facilities are rated on how well they keep patients safe from infections.

how to use the CompareMaine website:

Maine Health Data Organization launched comparemaine.org in October 2015 to let people compare costs and patient experiences at more than 150 Maine health care facilities.

The screenshot shows the CompareMaine website interface. At the top, there is a search bar with 'Knee replacement' entered. Below the search bar, the 'Maine State Average' is displayed as \$34,290. The interface includes a 'Search' button and a 'Compare Selected Facilities' button. The search results are sorted by 'Facility Name' and show three facilities: Central Maine Medical Center, Eastern Maine Medical Center, and Maine Medical Center. Each facility entry includes its name, address, and three performance metrics: Patient Experience, Preventing Serious Complications, and Preventing Healthcare-Associated Infections (C. diff). The average total cost for each facility is also listed.

Enter procedure: 1
Use common name or medical code, a procedure list includes hundreds of options

Search fields: 2
Lets you narrow to specific insurance coverage and region

Results: 3
Hospital location, patient ratings, cost comparison

The cost information in this graphic was collected by the State of Maine's all-payer claims database (APCD) and represents claims from 10/1/14 – 9/30/15. Patient Experience ratings are from 2014 – 2015 CAHPS surveys. Preventing Serious Complications ratings are from AHRQ collected during 7/1/12 – 6/30/14. Preventing Healthcare-Associated Infections ratings are from the Federal CDC collected during 7/1/14 – 6/30/15.

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