

# Performance

The action or process of performing a [task](#) or [function](#).

[Academic performance](#)

see [Operator Performance](#).

see [Psychomotor Performance](#)

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see also [Performance status](#).

The [performance](#) of individual neurosurgical [departments](#) is assessed through comparison of departmental [outcomes](#) measures with national standards. One such comparison tool is the University Health System (UHC) Consortium, a [data](#) assessment [tool](#) utilized by many [hospitals](#) for both [benchmarking](#) and [performance improvement](#). UHC is a member-owned consortium representing 120 academic medical centers, including over 300 hospitals, and contains self-reported data that are evaluated with risk adjustment. UHC data often serve as a proxy for Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) risk-adjustment data, data that are utilized by nationally recognized external rating systems <sup>1)</sup>.

<sup>1)</sup>

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