

METHODOLOGY

Latin America's Top Private Hospitals 2025



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Summary of the project

- Latin America is home to thousands of hospitals, most privately run and offering a wide range of healthcare services across specialties. With a multitude of available options and limited insight into the comparative quality of care, especially at the treatment level, a means of highlighting the top providers is essential.
- The **Latin America's Top Private Hospitals 2025** ranking awards the leading private hospitals across Latin America for excellence in select procedures within the specialties of orthopedics and ophthalmology.
- The ranking features a focused list for each of five select procedures: knee surgery & knee replacement, hip surgery & hip replacement, and shoulder surgery, refractive eye surgery, and cataract surgery.
- The lists are based on 3 data sources:
 1. **International online survey:** During the survey period from September to October 2024, medical professionals across Latin America were invited to an online survey in cooperation with Newsweek. Participants were asked to recommend leading hospitals for several elective surgeries within the specialties of orthopedics (including knee surgery & knee replacement, hip surgery & hip replacement, and shoulder surgery) and ophthalmology (including refractive eye surgery and cataract surgery).
 2. **Accreditation data:** Several accreditations/certifications were analyzed where available. Accreditations/certifications reflect a range of structural and/or quality requirements which are relevant for the rankings.
 3. **Statista PROMs Implementation Survey:** Newsweek and Statista conduct an annual PROMs Implementation Survey to account for the increasing importance of Patient-Reported Outcome Measures (PROMs)⁽¹⁾. Hospitals that participated in the survey received a PROMs Implementation score, which was included in the scoring model for orthopedic procedures only.

Hospitals from 8 countries were featured in the ranking

Geographical distribution

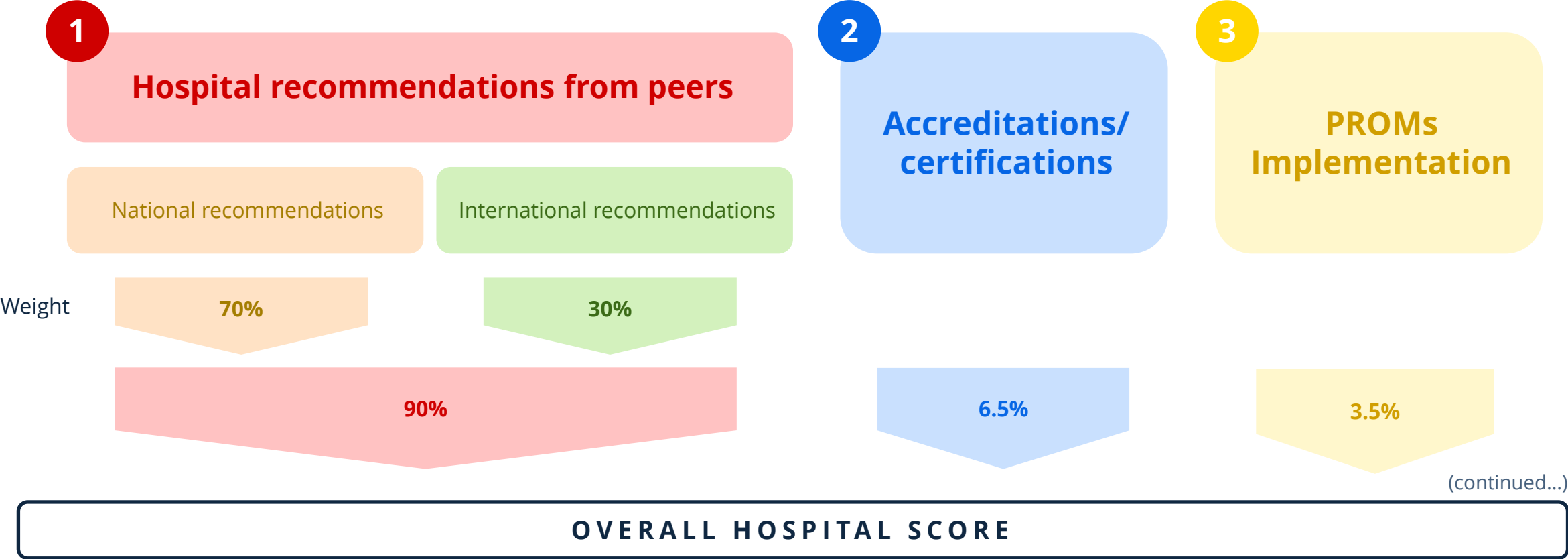
- Hospitals from the following countries across Latin America were included:
 - Argentina
 - Brazil
 - Chile
 - Colombia
 - Costa Rica
 - Mexico
 - Panama
 - Peru



Scores were calculated for each hospital at the procedure level

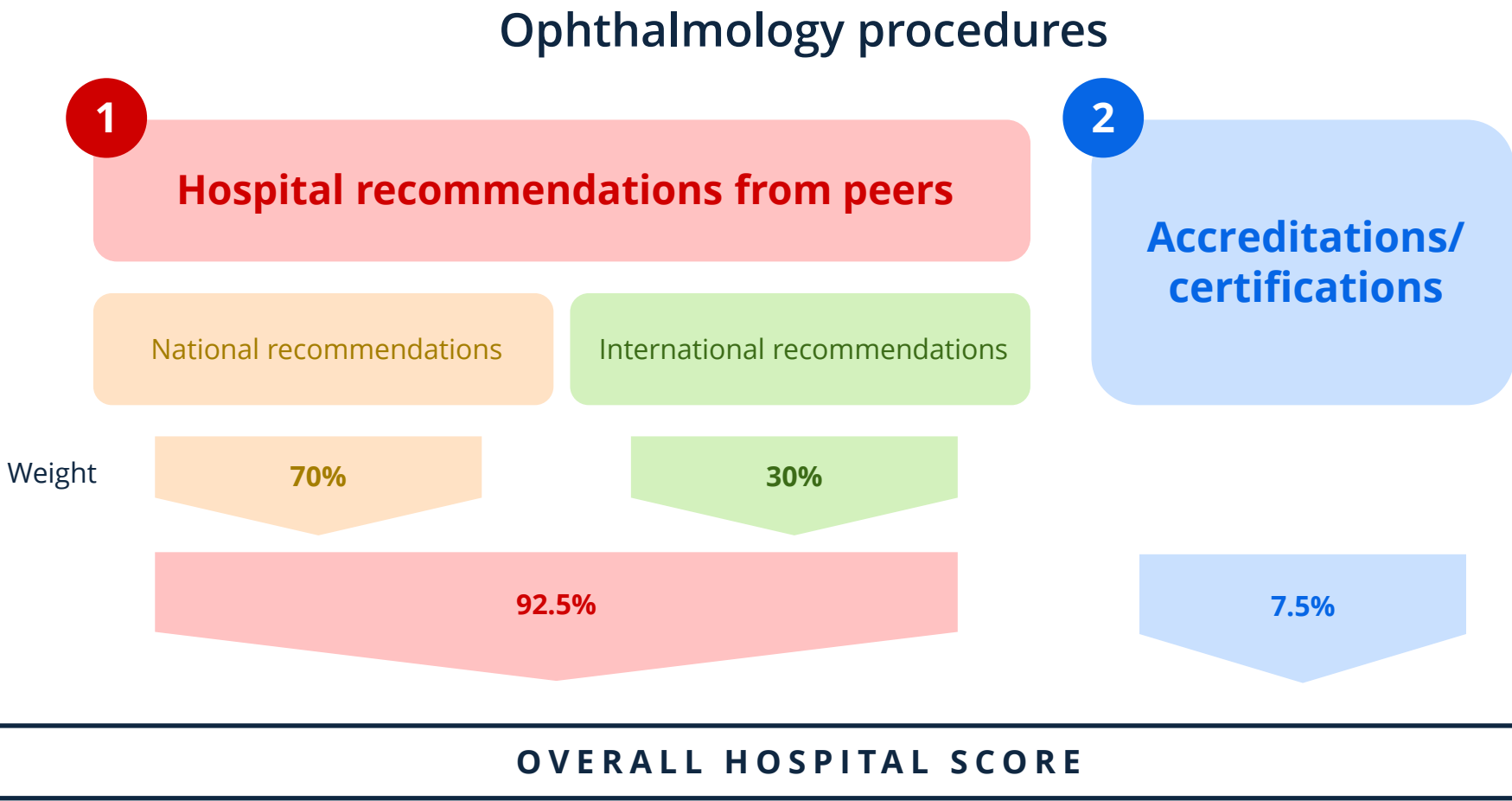
Scoring model for **orthopedic** procedures

Orthopedic procedures



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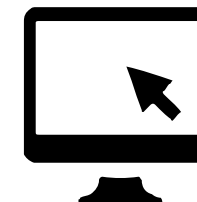
Scoring model for **ophthalmology** procedures



Medical experts across Latin America were invited to a survey

Reputation score: From September to October 2024, Statista invited medical professionals across Latin America to participate in an online survey that allowed them to recommend and assess various hospitals.

1 Reputation: Hospital recommendations from medical professionals



An **international online survey** was conducted among healthcare professionals in Latin America with expertise in orthopedics and/or ophthalmology. Participants were invited to the survey via e-mail.

Participants were asked to **recommend** and **assess** hospitals, in their own country as well as in other Latin American countries, that provide top-quality care for select surgeries within the specialties of **orthopedics**⁽¹⁾ and **ophthalmology**⁽²⁾. Recommendations for their own employer/hospital were not allowed.

The national and international **recommendations and assessments** were analyzed for each procedure examined. A **reputation score** was assigned to each hospital based on the number of weighted recommendations. Additionally, the professional experience of the participant was considered.

REPUTATION CONSTITUTES 90% OF THE SCORE FOR ORTHOPEDICS & 92.5% FOR OPHTHALMOLOGY

A wide range of accreditations and certifications were incorporated into the scoring model

Accreditation/certification score

2 Accreditations/certifications


- Several accreditations/certifications⁽¹⁾ were included in the scoring analysis (where available).
- The following accreditations/certifications reflect a range of structural and/or quality requirements relevant for the rankings:
 - AACI (American Accreditation Commission International)
 - AAOT (Asociación Argentina de Ortopedia y Traumatología)
 - AATO (Asociación Argentina del Trauma Ortopédico)
 - ACHC (Accreditation Commission for Health Care)
 - Accreditation Canada
 - Consejo de Salubridad General
 - IAHCS (Instituto de Administração Hospitalar e Ciências da Saúde) Acreditação
 - Icontec Acreditación en Salud
 - ISOC (International Society of Orthopaedic Centers, Ltd.)
 - ITAES (Instituto Técnico para la Acreditación de Establecimientos de Salud)
 - JCI (Joint Commission International)
 - OES (Organización para la Excelencia de la Salud)
 - ONA (Organização Nacional de Acreditação)
 - PADI (Programa de Acreditação em Diagnóstico por Imagem)
 - Planetree
 - Qmentum Global
 - WAEH (World Association of Eye Hospitals)
- In addition to general hospital accreditations/certifications, available accreditations/certifications relevant to the specialties of orthopedics and ophthalmology (e.g., Hip Replacement / Knee Replacement (JCI) or WAEH (World Association of Eye Hospitals) accreditation) were used.

ACCREDITATIONS/CERTIFICATIONS CONSTITUTE 6.5% OR 7.5%* OF THE SCORE

The Statista PROMs Implementation Survey collects data directly from hospitals

PROMs Implementation score

3 Statista PROMs Implementation Survey

- ➔ **Patient-Reported Outcome Measures (PROMs)** are defined as standardized, validated questionnaires completed by patients to measure their perception of their functional well-being and quality of life.
- ➔ Since 2023, a **PROMs Implementation score** has been included in Statista hospital rankings.
- ➔ **Survey cycle:** In the fall of each year, Newsweek and Statista conduct a **PROMs Implementation Survey cycle** to determine the status quo of PROMs implementation, auditing and reporting of the data, and whether the PROMs data is used to optimize the care process and support therapeutic decisions in real-time.
- ➔ A **grading system** for the different questions was built to determine a **PROMs Implementation score** for each participating hospital. Only hospitals that achieved **a minimum of 50%** (of the maximum 100% score) were eligible to be graded and received a maximum of up to 3.5% towards the total score (for orthopedic rankings *only*).
- ➔ Hospitals that submitted a validated survey received a checkmark in the result presentation. Hospitals that exceeded the threshold received one ribbon, and hospitals with a high degree of PROMs Implementation received two ribbons in the result presentation: 
- ➔ **Pre-registration** for future survey cycles is available [here](#).

FOR ORTHOPEDICS, PROMS IMPLEMENTATION CONSTITUTES 3.5% OF THE SCORE

The top hospitals for each procedure were awarded

Final ranking by select procedures in orthopedics and ophthalmology

Orthopedics

Hip surgery & replacement

Rank	Hospital	City	Country
1	Fundación Santa Fe de Bogotá	Bogotá	Colombia
2	Hospital Israelita Albert Einstein	São Paulo	Brazil
3	Clínica Alemana	Santiago	Chile
4	Hospital Italiano de Buenos Aires	Buenos Aires	Argentina
5	Fundación Valle Del Lili	Cali	Colombia

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Ophthalmology

Cataract surgery

Rank	Hospital	City	Country
1	Hospital Italiano de Buenos Aires	Buenos Aires	Argentina
2	Hospital Israelita Albert Einstein	São Paulo	Brazil
3	Instituto Zaldivar de Oftalmología Avanzada	Mendoza	Argentina
4	Hospitales Puerta de Hierro Andares	Zapopan	Mexico
5	Hospital Universitario Austral	Pilar	Argentina

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LEADING HOSPITALS WERE AWARDED FOR EACH PROCEDURE

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