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Denver Health ranks No. 1 nationally for value of care, earns A's across Lown Institute Hospitals Index for Social Responsibility

DENVER (June 23, 2026) — The Lown Institute has ranked Denver Health No. 1 in the nation for value of care. In Colorado, Denver Health is No. 1 for community benefit and racial inclusivity and in the top five for health equity, inclusivity, avoiding overuse and cost efficiency.

Denver Health earned A's across all eight metrics in the [2026 Lown Institute Hospitals Index](#) for Social Responsibility, which evaluates hospitals on:

- Social responsibility
- Value of care
- Health equity
- Community benefit
- Inclusivity
- Racial inclusivity
- Avoiding overuse
- Cost efficiency

A summary of the ranking is in [this badge report](#).

“Being recognized by the Lown Institute as No. 1 for value of care both nationally and in Colorado reflects the purpose that drives our teams every day,” said Heidi Wald, MD, chief quality officer. “These rankings highlight the work happening across Denver Health to deliver high-quality care, advance equity and ensure every patient receives the right care at the right time. Earning top marks in value, community benefit and racial inclusivity reinforces our commitment to the people we serve and the trust they place in us.”

“The Lown Index takes a comprehensive look at who hospitals are — their outcomes, their value, their commitment to community,” said Vikas Saini, MD, president of the Lown Institute. “An ‘A’ in social responsibility means a hospital has met high standards across the board.”

In the 2026-27 Lown Hospitals Index for value of care, Denver Health ranked first out of 2,699 hospital systems nationwide. The Lown Index examines how equitably care is delivered, how



well hospitals invest in their communities and whether patients receive high-value care that avoids unnecessary procedures. More than 50 metrics contribute to a hospital's overall score. These are independent rankings, and hospitals do not apply or pay to be listed. Full methodology is available on the Lown Index website.

The Lown Institute is an independent think tank advocating for a more just and caring health system. The [Lown Hospitals Index](#) is a signature project of the Institute.

About Denver Health

[Denver Health](#) is a comprehensive health and hospital system that provides high-quality care and proudly serves as the city's safety-net hospital. For more than 165 years, Denver Health has been guided by its mission to serve the people of Denver, to educate the next generation of healthcare professionals and to engage in research and community partnerships to better deliver the services that meet our patients' healthcare needs while strengthening our community.