

Hospital Standardized Mortality Ratio (HSMR)

The Hospital Standard Mortality Ratio (HSMR) is an important measurement tool that provides hospitals with a starting point to assess their mortality trends, identify opportunities for improvement and track their progress.

It is calculated by the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI), and the results are posted annually on the CIHI website.

It is important to note that HSMR is not designed for comparisons between hospitals; it is intended to track a hospital's trend over time.

Fiscal Year	HSMR
2014/15	102
2015/16	102
2016/17	101
2017/18	97
2018/19	94
2019/20	90

How should HSMR be interpreted?

- An HSMR equal to 100 suggests that there is no difference between the hospital's mortality rate and the overall national average rate.
- An HSMR greater than 100 suggests that individual hospital's mortality rate is higher than the the national average.
- An HSMR less than 100 suggests that the individual hospital's mortality rate is lower than the national average.

