

## How do I know what this means?

The payments shown on this web site are the average payments for this condition or procedure for patients covered by a health plan. It is just a guide for how much a hospital stay might cost. Keep in mind that the health plan will subtract your co-insurance from the payment before paying the hospital. The hospital will then bill you for the balance of the payment.

**The cost of your stay may not be the same as the payments shown on this web site.** The cost of your stay may be different if you are not covered by a health plan. The payments shown on this web site may not include bills from some types of doctors (such as surgeons). These doctors will send their own bills. The payments shown here do not include costs you may pay for care after your hospital stay, such as the cost of medicines.

These numbers were sent to OHPR by the nine largest health plans in Oregon. Medicare, Oregon Health Plan, and self-pay patients were not included. If the payment was extremely high or extremely low, that payment was also not included. Hospitals have more patients than are shown here and do more surgeries than are shown here. For example, the report for knee joint surgery has a total of 733 patients. Oregon hospitals do over 6,000 of these knee joint surgeries each year. Over 2,400 of these knee joint surgeries were paid for by health plans. So the report does not include all surgeries in the Oregon or even all surgeries that were paid for by health plans.

Be sure to speak with your doctor and your health plan to find out more about how much you will pay for your hospital stay. For example, your doctor may tell you that you need to have a routine knee joint replacement surgery. Your doctor will also tell you which hospitals he works with. Many health plans have online calculators to estimate the cost of a condition or procedure. Contact your health plan for information relevant to you and your plan. **You will find the best health care value if you compare both cost and quality.** You can find more information at the following web sites:

[Oregon Hospital Quality Indicators](#)  
[Other Hospital Cost and Quality Resources](#)