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University of Kansas Hospital makes U.S. News & World Report's top 50 lists

With the release of U.S. News & World Report's annual lists of best hospitals, the University of Kansas Hospital can claim local bragging rights.

KU made the top 50 nationwide in six categories of care: ear, nose and throat conditions (29th); lung disease (30th); kidney disorders (32nd); heart disease and surgery (37th); urology (43rd) and geriatrics (47th).

KU is the only local hospital to make the lists this year. This is the fourth year in a row that the hospital's heart program has been listed.

U.S. News ranks hospitals in 16 medical specialties based on their reputation and performance.

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