

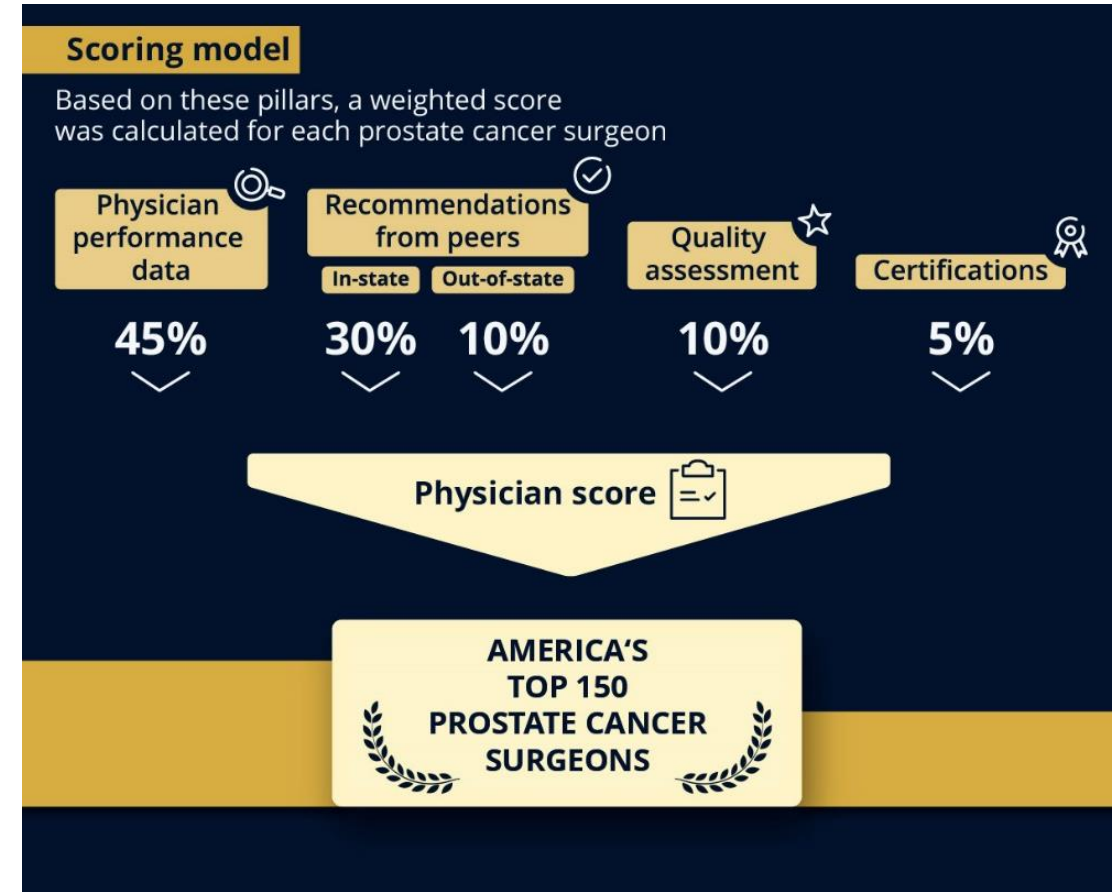
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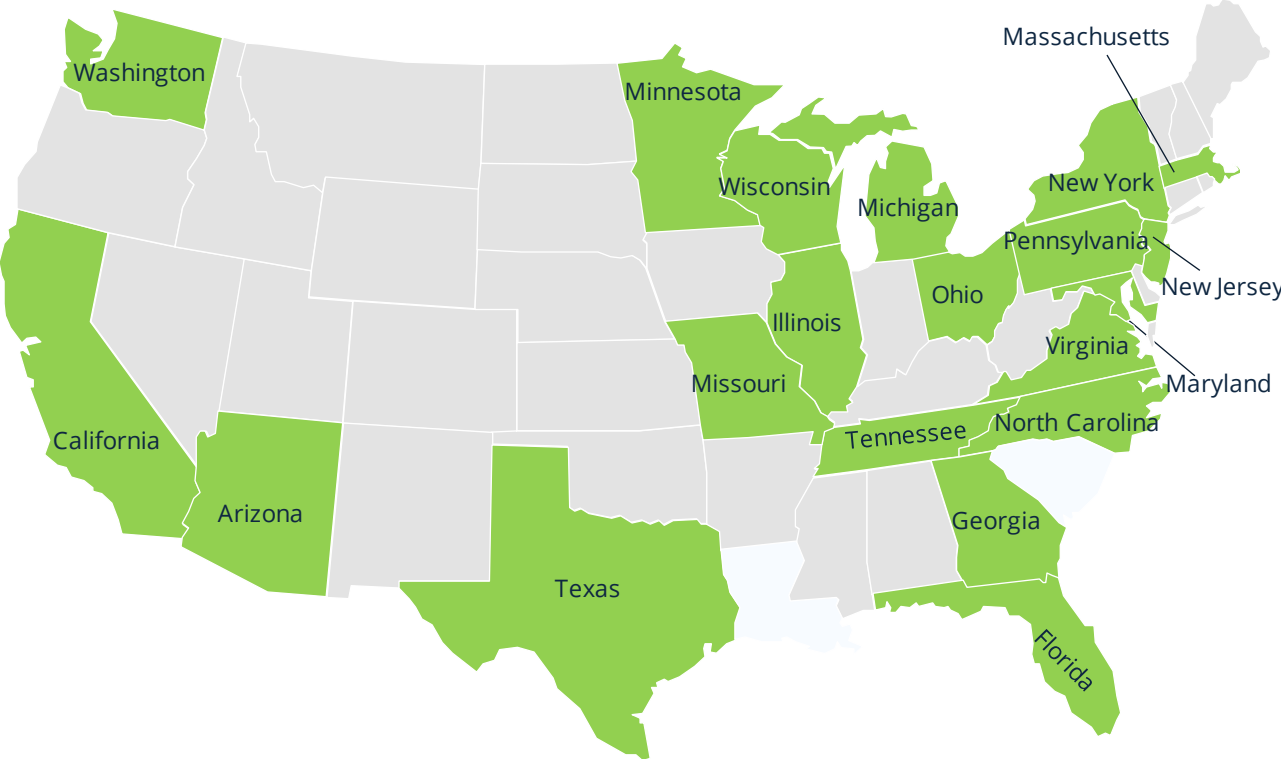
How we did it – a brief summary of the project



Oncologists and surgeons from the 20 states with the highest number of physicians were eligible for the ranking

Geographical Distribution

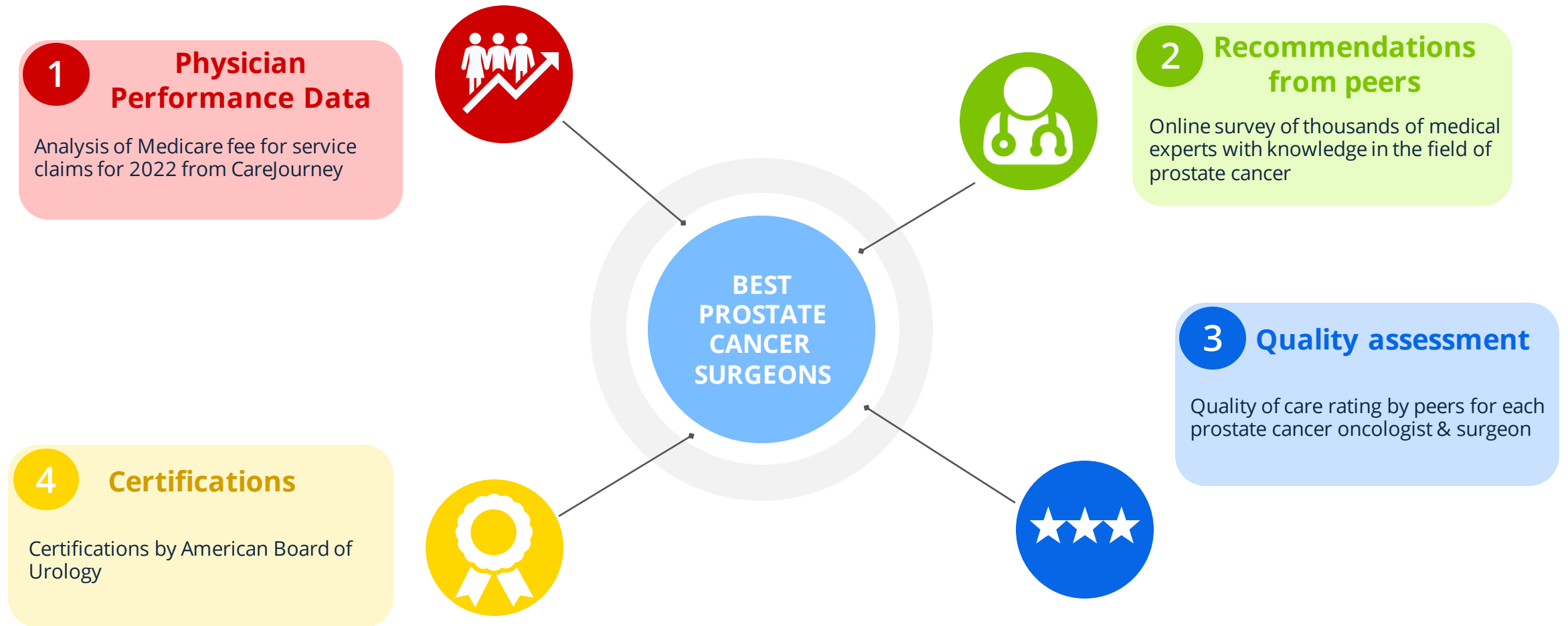
- The following 20 states with the highest number of physicians, according to the KFF⁽¹⁾, were included in the survey:
 - Arizona
 - California
 - Florida
 - Georgia
 - Illinois
 - Maryland
 - Massachusetts
 - Michigan
 - Minnesota
 - Missouri
 - New Jersey
 - New York
 - North Carolina
 - Ohio
 - Pennsylvania
 - Tennessee
 - Texas
 - Virginia
 - Washington
 - Wisconsin



(1) Kaiser Family Foundation: <https://www.kff.org/other/state-indicator/total-active-physicians/?currentTimeframe=0&selectedDistributions=specialist-physicians--total&sortModel=%7B%22colId%22:%22Specialist%20Physicians%22,%22sort%22:%22desc%22%7D>

The evaluation is based on four pillars

Data Sources



Physician fee for service data from CareJourney was used to evaluate a physicians' performed procedures against the state average

Methodology: Physician Performance Data

1 Physician Performance Data

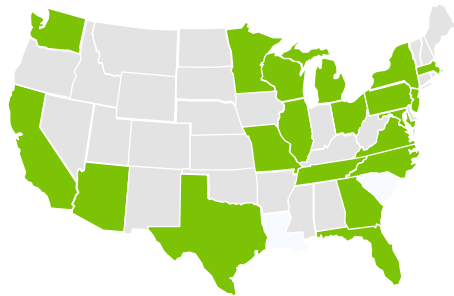
- **The volume of episodes performed was compared against the state average across following measures⁽¹⁾:**
 - Prostate Cancer Surgeons:
 - Surgery to remove prostate gland
- **Evaluated Measures per procedure⁽¹⁾:**
 - Average LOS (Days) of Institutional Long-term Stay
 - ER Visits per 1,000 Episodes
 - Mortality Rate
 - Complications by Episode
 - Unplanned Readmissions per 1,000 Episodes
- Physicians who performed a procedure above the state average received either 1 or 2 ribbons depending on the volume of episodes performed.
- The analysis was based on Medicare fee for service claims data for the year 2022.

PHYSICIAN PERFORMANCE DATA CONSTITUTES 45% OF THE TOTAL SCORE

Thousands of medical experts were invited to the online survey

2 Physician recommendations from peers

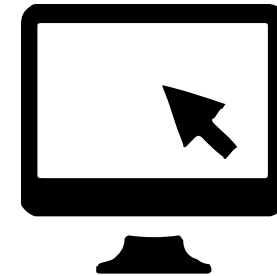
From March to April 2024, Statista invited thousands of medical experts (physicians with knowledge in the field of prostate cancer, managers/administrators and other medical professionals in the field of prostate cancer) in 20 US states to an online survey. The survey was also promoted on newsweek.com. Recommendations from peers constitute 40% of the total physician score.



Online survey among medical professionals in the 20 US states with the highest number of physicians.



Participants were asked to recommend physicians in their own state and in any of the other US states included in the survey. They were also able to specify a standout treatment (e.g., Prostate cancer (chemo)) for the recommended physician.



Analysis of recommendations for each physician. The reason of recommendation (e.g., well-known specialist), the working experience of the participant and the order of recommendation were considered.

A quality score and certifications were taken into consideration for all physicians

Methodology: Quality assessment and certifications

3 Quality assessment

- For In-State recommendations, participants were asked to assess the **quality of care** (e.g., treatments, follow-up care, use of most recent equipment), **professional expertise** (e.g., knowledge in medical field) and **waiting time** (until appointment) of the prostate cancer oncologist & surgeon.
- Prostate cancer oncologists & surgeons who only received out-of-state recommendations were given a baseline score.
- For each recommended physician, participants rated the quality dimensions on a scale from 1 ("poor") to 10 ("excellent")
- A quality score was calculated for each physician with In-State recommendations. This score accounts for 10% of the total score.

QUALITY SCORE

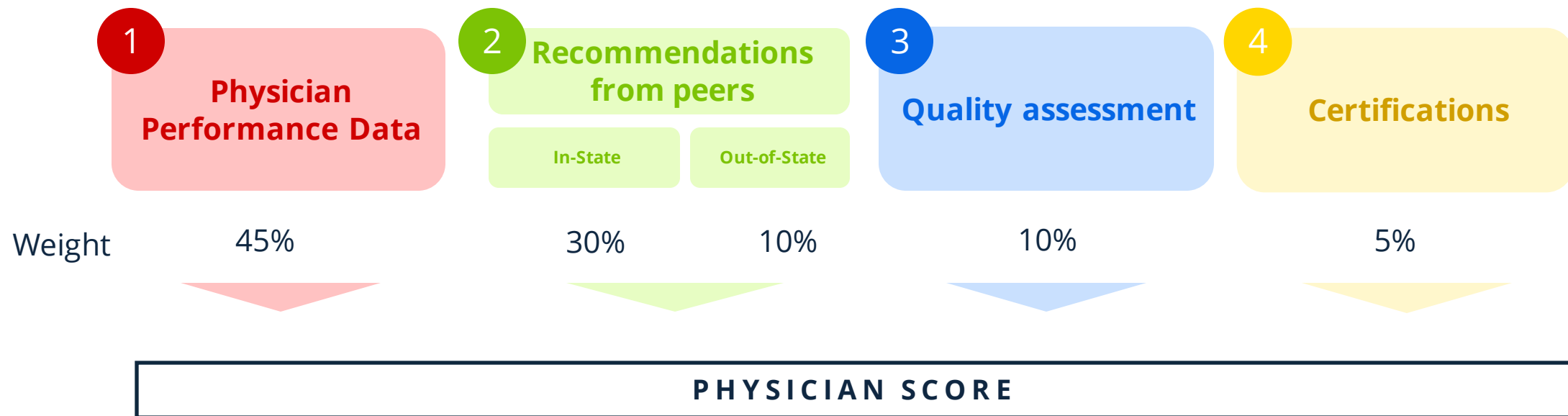
4 Certifications

- The following certification was included for prostate surgeons:
 - American Board of Urology
- Certifications account for 5% of the total score.

CERTIFICATIONS SCORE

A score was calculated for each prostate cancer surgeon

Scoring Model



The total physician score is based on the four pillars and their respective weights listed above.

As a result, the top 150 prostate cancer surgeons were awarded

Toplist of leading prostate cancer surgeons in the US

Prostate Cancer Surgeons	Hospital Affiliation	City, State	Certifications, Treatments and More
Ronney Abaza, MD	Mount Carmel St Ann'S	Westerville, OH	Click to Display ↓
Mehrad Adibi, MD	MD Anderson Cancer Center	Houston, TX	Click to Display ↓
Kent L. Adkins, MD	St. Lukes Hospital	Chesterfield, MO	Click to Display ↓
Monty A. Aghazadeh, MD	Houston Methodist West Hospital	Houston, TX	Click to Display ↓
Thomas E. Ahlering, MD	UC Irvine Medical Center	Orange, CA	Click to Display ↓

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Notes

- Hospital affiliation for each physician was determined by patient volume⁽¹⁾. For physicians with no data regarding hospital affiliation, affiliation was determined by desk research.
- If the specified affiliated hospital has been awarded in a recent hospital ranking by Newsweek and Statista, it is listed under 'Affiliated with best hospital'
- The state average performance for a specific procedure is marked with 1 or 2 ribbons. If a particular procedure has been recommended frequently by peers, it is indicated under 'Peers Choice'.

LEADING PROSTATE CANCER SURGEONS WERE AWARDED

America's Best Spine Surgeons partner network

Overview of involved parties

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