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## **Sharon Hospital Earns 5-Star Rating From Federal Healthcare Agency Sharon Is Only Connecticut Hospital To Receive Top Rating**

**Sharon, Conn. — February 13, 2020** — Sharon Hospital, part of Nuvance Health, recently earned a five-star overall hospital rating, the highest possible, from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for quality patient care.

It is the only hospital in Connecticut to receive the highest quality rating for patient care and is one of 407 facilities in the nation to earn the top score.

“This achievement is a testament to the hard work and shared vision of our physicians, nurses, staff and quality teams who strive to offer the best patient experience,” said Dr. Mark Hirko, the hospital’s new president. “It is an honor to be noted as a nationally recognized top-performing hospital. This reinforces our commitment to advancing how we care for patients, taking opportunities to improve our processes and offering services that meet the needs of those we serve.”

Patient experience, readmissions and overall patient safety were areas where Sharon ranked above the national average of the more than 4,500 hospitals measured by the federal agency that publishes the ratings at [www.hospitalcompare.gov](http://www.hospitalcompare.gov) biannually.

The CMS hospital rating system provides information about the quality of care at Medicare-certified hospitals across the country. The system offers consumers a snapshot view of quality ratings and consumer-reported satisfaction. Ratings are based on several components, such as a survey of patients’ experiences, timely and effective care, complications, readmissions, mortality and value of care.

The five-star rating is one of many recent honors for Sharon Hospital, including a four-star rating from CMS in February 2019 and recognition as a grade “A” hospital in The Leapfrog Group’s Spring and Fall 2019 Safety Grades.

Learn more about services at Sharon Hospital at [healthquest.org/Sharon](http://healthquest.org/Sharon).

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**Photo Caption:** Members of the hospital's ambulatory surgery team celebrate their 5-star rating for quality patient care from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

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### **About Nuvance Health**

Nuvance Health is a family of award-winning nonprofit hospitals and healthcare professionals in the Hudson Valley and western Connecticut. Nuvance Health combines highly skilled physicians, state-of-the-art facilities and technology, and compassionate caregivers dedicated to providing quality care across a variety of clinical areas, including Cardiovascular, Neurosciences, Oncology, Orthopedics, and Primary Care.

Nuvance Health has a network of convenient hospital and outpatient locations — Danbury Hospital, New Milford Hospital, Norwalk Hospital and Sharon Hospital in Connecticut, and Northern Dutchess Hospital, Putnam Hospital Center and Vassar Brothers Medical Center in New York — plus multiple primary and specialty care physician practice locations, including The Heart Center, a leading provider of cardiology care, and two urgent care offices. Non-acute care is offered through various affiliates, including the Thompson House for rehabilitation and skilled nursing services, and the Home Care organizations. For more information about Nuvance Health, visit our [website](#).