

FAQ: Healthgrades – #1 in Ohio for Surgical Care

What is Healthgrades?

Healthgrades is a trusted, independent organization that helps patients evaluate hospitals and doctors nationwide. They look at real data to identify hospitals that deliver high-quality care.

Why did Blanchard Valley Hospital receive this award?

This recognition means Blanchard Valley Hospital delivers better-than-expected patient outcomes when compared to hospitals across the state and country, especially in safety and procedural outcomes.

How does Healthgrades decide who receives an award?

Healthgrades reviews years of hospital data and looks closely at:

- Survival rates
- Complication rates
- Patient safety
- Overall outcomes

They compare hospitals across the country and recognize those that consistently perform at the highest level. It is based on real patient data and evaluated by an independent organization.

Do hospitals apply for these awards?

No; hospitals cannot apply or pay to receive this recognition. Awards are based entirely on independent analysis of patient outcomes.

What does “#1 in Ohio for Surgical Care” mean?

It means this hospital had the strongest surgical outcomes in the state, based on Healthgrades’ analysis of patient data. For patients, that translates to high-quality care, strong safety standards, and excellent results.

Were other BVHS locations, such as Bluffton Hospital and the Findlay Surgery Center, eligible to receive this award?

Healthgrades evaluates and awards specific facilities based on the type and volume of care they provide, along with available patient outcome data. Blanchard Valley Hospital was eligible for and met the criteria for surgical care evaluation based on its breadth and volume of inpatient surgical procedures and reported outcomes. Other locations, such as Bluffton Hospital or the Findlay Surgery Center, may not be evaluated in the same categories due to differences in services offered, case volume, or the types of procedures performed. Each of Blanchard Valley Health System’s surgery sites excels in providing exceptional care and service.

What does this mean for our community?

It means you can feel confident that you’re receiving care from an organization that:

- Prioritizes patient safety
- Delivers strong outcomes
- Meets high national standards

How often are these awards given?

Healthgrades updates its rankings every year using the most recent data available, so the recognition reflects consistent performance over time—not just one good year.