MONAHRQ
Input your data. Output your website.

FACT SHEET

Accountability and transparency in health care are more essential than ever. Patients and consumers, hospitals, doctors, other providers, health policy leaders, and others need reports that inform their decisions and actions to achieve safer, higher quality, and more affordable health care.

MONAHRQ® is innovative, free Windows-based software that enables organizations to easily create a website with understandable, evidence-based health care reports of quality, cost, and patient experience. MONAHRQ was created by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ).

The reports and websites generated by MONAHRQ can be targeted to consumers or health care professionals and made public or private. You choose, because you download the software, input your data, generate the websites and reports, and host the websites. You're in control.

Who Can Use MONAHRQ?

Any organization can use MONAHRQ by importing their own data or using preloaded data sets. Current users include State health agencies, community health care quality alliances, hospitals, health systems and associations, and Quality Improvement Organizations.

How Does MONAHRQ Work?

- Download the MONAHRQ software
- Follow the simple wizard to create a library of data sources, plus measures and report templates that you can customize by audience
- Select the reports you want to use and then customize the content and appearance of the website you are creating
- Generate website files to save on a local computer
- Decide whether your website will be public or private and password protected
- Host your MONAHRQ-generated website

MONAHRQ can generate a full website in less than a day, saving time and money.

What Reports Can MONAHRQ Create?

- Comparisons of care quality in hospitals, plus inpatient and emergency department utilization
- Hospital, nursing home and physician profiles, showing location, ratings and more
- Estimated cost savings from reducing potentially avoidable hospitalizations
- County or region maps of preventable hospitalizations and hospital utilization rates for conditions and procedures

- Custom reports of your organization's unique datasets, using the Open Source Platform

What Data Can MONAHRQ Use?

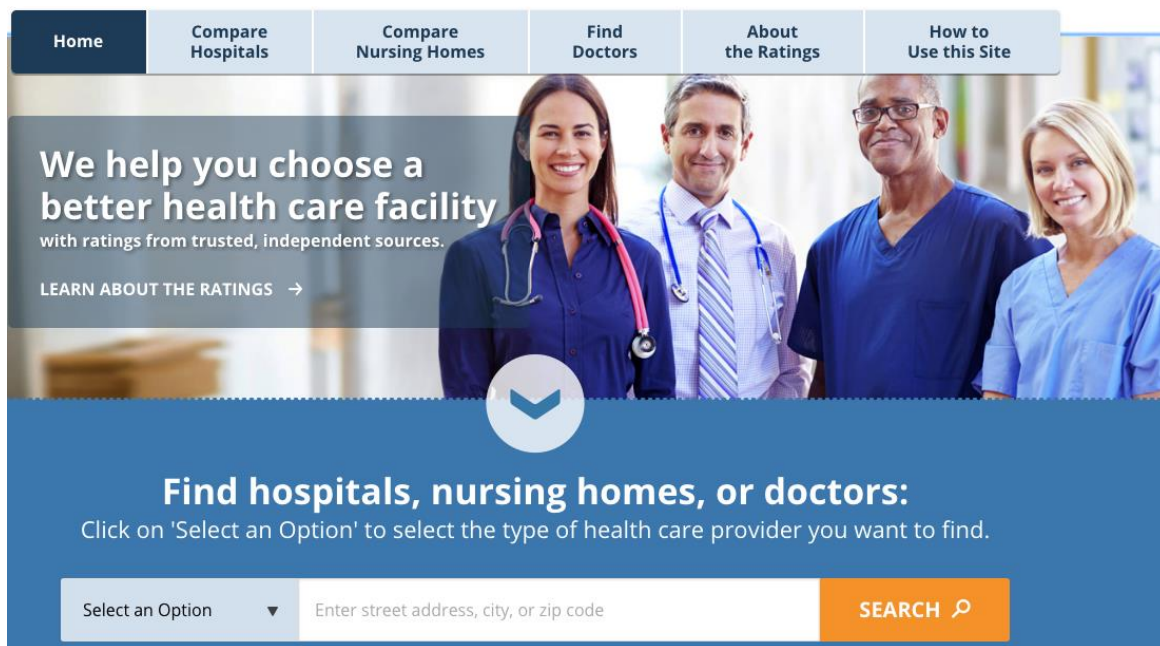MONAHRQ can draw from a range of data sources and measure sets, including but not limited to:

- Your own hospital inpatient discharge data
- Your own Emergency Department (ED) treat-and-release data
- AHRQ Quality Indicators™
- Quality measure results from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) Hospital Compare and Nursing Home Compare
- Nursing Home and Clinician Group CAHPS (Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems) survey data
- Hospital charge or cost data available from CMS
- Hospital Provider of Service profile data available from CMS
- Unique datasets from your organization formatted using MONAHRQ's Open Source Framework

MONAHRQ also incorporates several of AHRQ's most popular tools and products:

- National benchmarks calculated from AHRQ's Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP) databases
- Hospital Cost-to-Charge Ratio files
- Clinical Classifications Software

To learn more about MONAHRQ, access: www.monahrq.ahrq.gov

What Does a MONAHRQ-Generated Website Look Like?

MONAHRQ provides website page templates, which you can easily customize to suit your organization's needs. To see the latest MONAHRQ demonstration site and find links to live public websites created by other organizations using MONAHRQ, go to www.MONAHRQ.ahrq.gov.

Sample website generated by MONAHRQ

Software Requirements

- ☐ Windows 10, Windows XP, Windows 7 (32- or 64-bit), Windows 8 (32- or 64-bit), Windows Server 2003, 2008 or 2012

- ☐ Microsoft® .NET version 4.5 (free)

- ☐ Microsoft SQL Server or SQL Server Express 2008 R2 or higher (free) or SQL Server Enterprise 2008 or higher

Disk Space Requirements

- ☐ Microsoft .NET 4.0: 850 MB for 32-bit and 2 GB for 64-bit systems

- ☐ Microsoft SQL Server Express 2012 and 2008 R2: 2 GB for 32-bit and 64-bit systems

- ☐ MONAHRQ software: 350 MB

- ☐ SQL Server/SQL Server Express database: typically 100 MB but up to 4 GB

- ☐ MONAHRQ-generated web pages: typically 500 MB but up to 4 GB

Cost

- ☐ MONAHRQ is available at no cost to promote health care transparency.

For More Information

Visit the MONAHRQ website at www.MONAHRQ.ahrq.gov, where you can:

- ☐ Download the MONAHRQ software

- ☐ Explore a full demonstration website generated by MONAHRQ

- ☐ Find links for several public websites created with MONAHRQ

- ☐ Access the Host User Guide with step-by-step instructions for using MONAHRQ

- ☐ Download presentations about MONAHRQ to help your organization get started

- ☐ Learn about MONAHRQ measures and methods

To ask questions or join the listserv, send an email to MONAHRQ@ahrq.gov.

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