

METHODOLOGY

Latin America's Top Private Hospitals & Clinics 2026

Scope, Data Collection, Evaluation, and Results



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Summary of the project

- Latin America is home to thousands of hospitals and clinics, most privately run and offering a wide range of healthcare services across specialties. With a multitude of available options and limited insight into the comparative quality of care, especially at the treatment level, a means of highlighting the top providers is essential.
- The ***Latin America's Top Private Hospitals & Clinics 2026*** ranking awards the leading private hospitals and clinics across Latin America for excellence in select procedures within the specialties of orthopedics and ophthalmology.
- The ranking features a focused list for each of five select procedures: knee surgery & knee replacement, hip surgery & hip replacement, and shoulder surgery, refractive eye surgery, and cataract surgery.
- The lists are based on 4 data sources:
 1. **International online survey:** During the survey period from September to October 2025, medical professionals across Latin America were invited to an online survey in cooperation with Newsweek. Participants were asked to recommend leading hospitals/clinics for several elective surgeries within the specialties of orthopedics and ophthalmology.
 2. **Accreditation data:** Several accreditations/certifications were analyzed where available. Accreditations/certifications reflect a range of structural and/or quality requirements which are relevant for the rankings.
 3. **Google reviews:** Star rating data sourced from Google reviews were incorporated as an approximation of patient satisfaction and reputational perception for each hospital/clinic.
 4. **Statista PROMs Implementation Survey:** Newsweek and Statista conduct an annual PROMs Implementation Survey to account for the increasing importance of Patient-Reported Outcome Measures (PROMs)⁽¹⁾. Hospitals/clinics that participated in the survey received a PROMs Implementation score, which was included in the scoring model for orthopedic procedures only.

New features and changes in the 2026 edition

Brief overview of major changes in this year's edition

- **Renaming of the project:** To represent the numerous clinics in the ranking, the project was renamed to *Latin America's Top Private Hospitals & Clinics*
- **Expansion of the ranking:** The lists were broadened to cover more hospitals and clinics (Top 100 in orthopedics and Top 75 in ophthalmology) across a wider set of countries, offering more comprehensive comparative insights
- **Inclusion of additional accreditations and certifications:**
 - Quality Global Alliance (QGA)
 - Consórcio Brasileiro de Acreditação (CBA)
 - Acreditação ACSA - Grupo IBES
 - Superintendencia de Salud de Chile Acreditación
- **Inclusion of previous year's recommendation data:** To account for reputational continuity, recommendation data from last year was factored into the reputation pillar
- **Inclusion of Google reviews:** Google star ratings were incorporated as an additional data pillar as a proxy measure for patient satisfaction and reputational perception
- **Increased accreditation & PROMs implementation weighting:** This year, the weighting of the accreditation and PROMs implementation pillars was increased within the scoring model, reflecting the growing emphasis on standardized care quality and patient-centered outcome measurement.

Hospitals and clinics from 9 countries are featured in the ranking

Geographical distribution

- Hospitals and clinics from the following countries across Latin America are included:
 - Argentina
 - Brazil
 - Chile
 - Colombia
 - Costa Rica
 - Mexico
 - Panama
 - Peru
 - Uruguay



Evaluation is based on four pillars, including peer evaluations, accreditations, Google reviews, and PROMs implementation

Data sources



Thousands of medical experts were invited to the survey

Reputation score

1



Reputation – Hospital/clinic recommendations from peers

From September to October 2025, Statista invited thousands of medical professionals (mostly doctors, but also hospital managers and other healthcare professionals) to an online survey. The survey was also promoted on newsweek.com.



An **international online survey** was conducted among healthcare professionals in Latin America with expertise in orthopedics and/or ophthalmology. Participants were invited to the survey via e-mail and a link on Newsweek's website.

Participants were asked to **recommend** and **assess** hospitals/clinics, in their own country as well as in other Latin American countries, that provide top-quality care for select surgeries within the specialties of **orthopedics**⁽¹⁾ and **ophthalmology**⁽²⁾. Recommendations for their own employer were not allowed.

The national and international **recommendations and assessments** were analyzed for each procedure examined. A **reputation score** was assigned to each hospital/clinic based on the number of weighted recommendations. Additionally, the professional experience of the participant was considered.

A wide range of accreditations and certifications were incorporated into the scoring model

Accreditation score

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Accreditations & certifications

- Several accreditations and certifications⁽¹⁾ were included in the scoring analysis (where available).
- The following accreditations and certifications reflect a range of structural and/or quality requirements relevant for the rankings:
 - AACI (American Accreditation Commission International)
 - AAOT (Asociación Argentina de Ortopedia y Traumatología)
 - AATO (Asociación Argentina del Trauma Ortopédico)
 - ACHC (Accreditation Commission for Health Care)
 - Acreditação ACSA - Grupo IBES
 - Accreditation Canada
 - CBA (Consórcio Brasileiro de Acreditação)
 - Consejo de Salubridad General
 - IAHCS (Instituto de Administração Hospitalar e Ciências da Saúde) Acreditação
 - Icontec Acreditación en Salud
 - ISOC (International Society of Orthopaedic Centers, Ltd.)
- In addition to general accreditations and certifications, available accreditations and certifications relevant to the specialties of orthopedics and ophthalmology were used (e.g., Hip Replacement / Knee Replacement [JCI] or WAEH [World Association of Eye Hospitals] accreditation).

• ITAES (Instituto Técnico para la Acreditación de Establecimientos de Salud)

• JCI (Joint Commission International)

• OES (Organización para la Excelencia de la Salud)

• ONA (Organização Nacional de Acreditação)

• PADI (Programa de Acreditação em Diagnóstico por Imagem)

• Planetree

• QGA (Quality Global Alliance)

• Qmentum Global

• Superintendencia de Salud de Chile Acreditación

• WAEH (World Association of Eye Hospitals)

THE ACCREDITATION SCORE CONSTITUTES 10% OF THE TOTAL SCORE

Google reviews were newly introduced into the scoring model for this edition

Google reviews score

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Google reviews

- As an additional pillar of the scoring model, star rating evaluations sourced from **Google reviews** were included for each hospital/clinic
- This pillar serves as a **proxy measure for patient satisfaction** with each hospital/clinic as well as its broader reputational perception
- Based on the publicly available data, each hospital/clinic was assigned a satisfaction rating score on a **scale from 0 to 5 stars**
 - To receive a score for the Google reviews pillar, the facility must have met a minimum threshold of **at least 10 published reviews**
 - To ensure comparability across facilities with differing review volumes, scores were statistically adjusted to account for variation in the number of ratings

THE GOOGLE REVIEWS SCORE CONSTITUTES 10% OF THE TOTAL SCORE

The Statista PROMs Implementation Survey collects data directly from hospitals

PROMs Implementation Survey score

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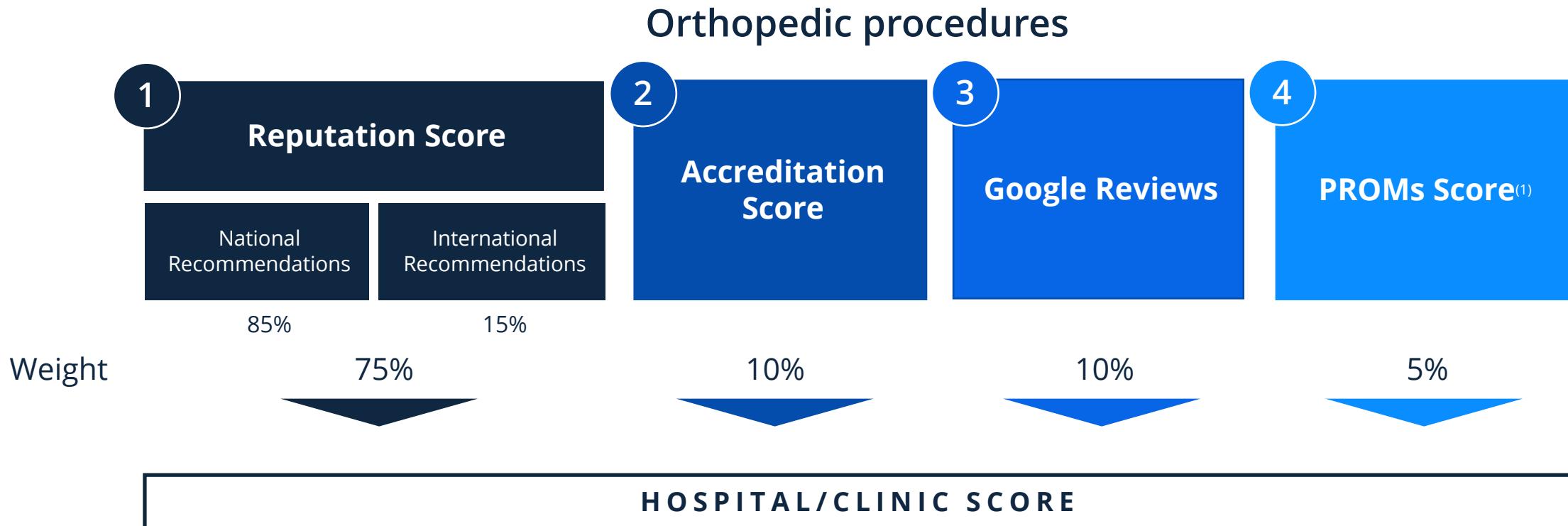
Statista PROMs Implementation Survey

- **Patient-Reported Outcome Measures (PROMs)** are defined as standardized, validated questionnaires completed by patients to measure their perception of their functional well-being and quality of life.
- **Survey cycle:** In fall/winter of each year, Newsweek and Statista conduct the **PROMs Implementation Survey**⁽¹⁾ to determine the status quo of PROMs implementation, auditing and reporting of the data, and whether the PROMs data is used to optimize care process and support therapeutic decisions in real-time.
- Statista has partnered with the **International Consortium for Health Outcomes Measurement** (ICHOM, www.ichom.org) as a knowledge partner. ICHOM is the world's leading non-profit organization dedicated to the development of standardized measurement of patient-important outcomes (including PROMs). ICHOM promotes the development of the PROMs Implementation Survey, as well as the use of the data from PROMs (and other patient-important outcomes), towards the advancement of value-based healthcare.
- A **grading system** for the different questions was built to determine a **PROMs implementation score** for each participating hospital. Only hospitals that achieved **a minimum of 50%** (of the maximum 100% score) were eligible to be graded and received a maximum of up to 5% towards the total score.
- Future survey cycles will be announced on rankings.statista.com, newsweek.com, and via e-mail to registered participants. Registrations can be submitted to: hospitals@statista.com or [here](#).

**THE PROMS IMPLEMENTATION SCORE CONSTITUTES 5% OF THE TOTAL SCORE FOR
ORTHOPEDIC PROCEDURE LISTS**

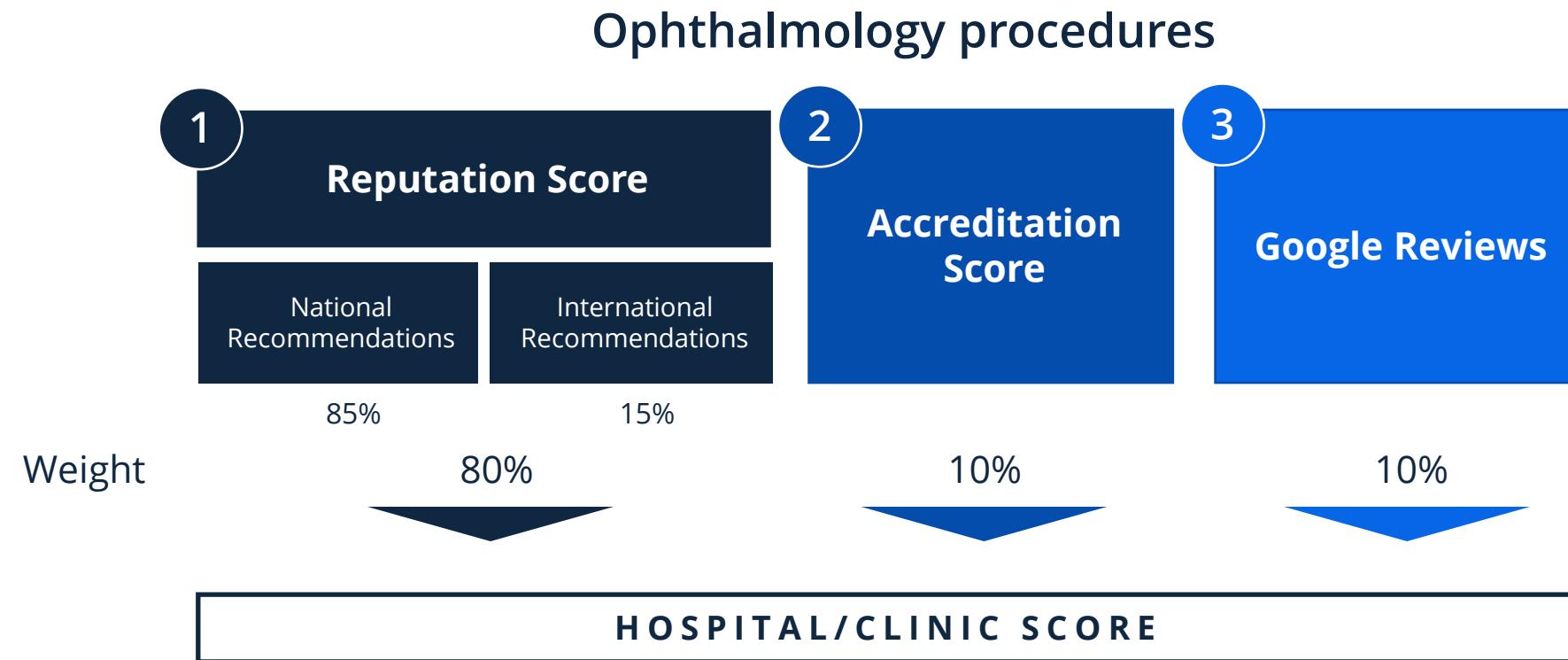
Four data pillars are combined to produce a final score for every hospital & clinic with orthopedic procedures

Scoring model



Three data pillars are combined to produce a final score for every hospital & clinic with ophthalmology procedures

Scoring model



The top hospitals & clinics for each procedure are awarded

Final ranking by select procedures in orthopedics and ophthalmology

Orthopedics

Hip surgery & replacement

Rank	Hospital/clinic	City	Country	PROMs
1	Hospital Israelita Albert Einstein	São Paulo	Brazil	3 Ribbons
2	Fundación Santa Fe de Bogotá	Bogotá	Colombia	
3	Hospital Sírio-Libanês	São Paulo	Brazil	2 Ribbons
4	Clínica Alemana Vitacura	Vitacura	Chile	
5	Hospital Italiano de Buenos Aires	Buenos Aires	Argentina	

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Ophthalmology

Cataract surgery

Rank	Hospital/clinic	City	Country
1	Instituto Zaldivar	Mendoza	Argentina
2	Hospital Israelita Albert Einstein	São Paulo	Brazil
3	Hospitales Puerta de Hierro	Zapopan	Mexico
4	APEC, Hospital de la Ceguera	Mexico City	Mexico
5	Hospital Italiano de Buenos Aires	Buenos Aires	Argentina

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LEADING HOSPITALS & CLINICS WERE AWARDED FOR EACH PROCEDURE

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Partner network



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