

METHODOLOGY

# Best Specialized Hospitals Asia Pacific **2026**

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## Summary of the project

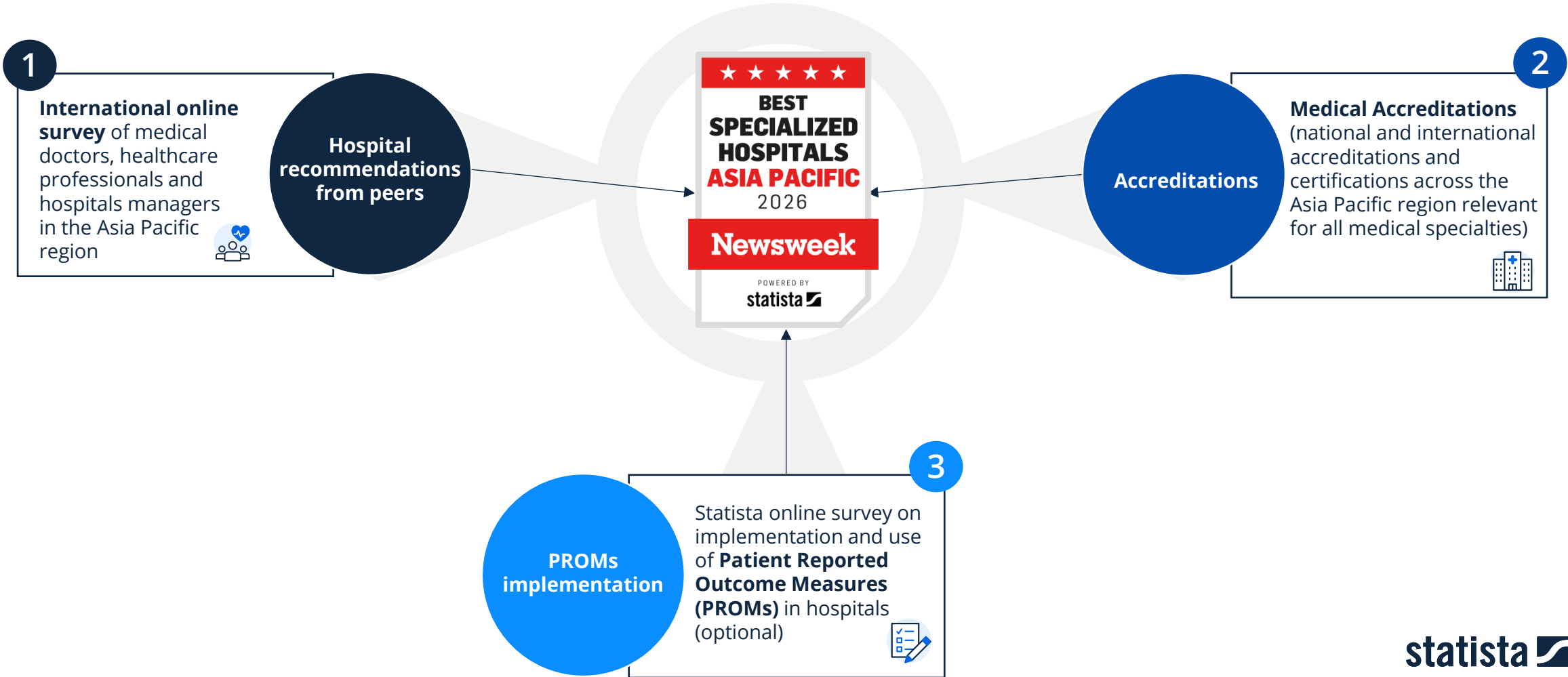
- The 4<sup>th</sup> edition of **Best Specialized Hospitals Asia Pacific** ranking awards the leading hospitals in the APAC region, encompasses the countries Australia, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, the Philippines, and Vietnam.
- The ranking awards hospitals in ten medical fields: **Cardiac Surgery, Cardiology Endocrinology, Gastroenterology, Neurology, Neurosurgery, Oncology, Orthopedics, Pediatrics and Pulmonology.**
- List lengths vary between these ten medical fields: top 125 hospitals for Cardiology, Oncology and Pediatrics, top 100 for Neurology and top 75 hospitals for Cardiac Surgery, Endocrinology, Gastroenterology, Neurosurgery, Orthopedics and Pulmonology.
- The underlying data analysis is based on three **data sources**:
  - **International online survey**: During the survey period from February to March 2026, medical professionals as well as management and administrative staff from hospitals across the respective APAC countries were invited to participate in an online survey conducted in cooperation with Newsweek.
  - **Accreditations**: International and national accreditations and certifications relevant to the respective medical specialties and general hospital quality were considered.
  - **Statista PROMS Implementation Survey**: In fall 2025, Newsweek and Statista conducted a voluntary survey on the implementation of Patient Reported Outcome Measures (PROMs) to account for their increasing importance in hospitals worldwide.
- Hospitals specializing in multiple medical fields received specific recommendation scores for each respective medical field. Therefore, one hospital can be represented in more than one list if it receives enough recommendations in each medical field.

# New features and changes in the 2026 edition

- The following list provides a brief overview of all **major updates in this year's edition** compared to the 2025 ranking:
  - **Featuring a new country:** To increase the coverage of the Asia Pacific region, Vietnam is newly added to the ranking of the Best Specialized Hospitals Asia Pacific 2026.
  - **Expansion of medical scope:** To broaden the range of covered medical disciplines, Gastroenterology has been introduced as an additional specialty.
  - **Inclusion of additional accreditations and certifications<sup>(1)</sup>** e.g., American Accreditation Commission International (AACI), DNV International, International Society of Orthopaedic Centers (ISOC), and World Endoscopy Organization (WEO).
  - **Increased PROMs implementation weighting:** This year, the weighting of the PROMs implementation pillars was increased within the scoring model, reflecting the growing emphasis on patient-centered outcome measurement.
  - **Inclusion of recommendation data from previous editions:** To account for reputational continuity, recommendation data from the previous two cycles were factored into the reputation pillar.

# Hospital evaluation is based on three pillars, ranging from peer evaluations, certifications to PROMs implementation

Data sources



# Thousands of medical experts were invited to the survey

## 1 Hospital recommendations from peers

From February to March 2026, Statista invited thousands of medical professionals (primarily doctors, but also hospital managers and other healthcare professionals) to an online survey. The survey was also promoted on [Newsweek's website](#).



**International online survey** among health care professionals in the designated countries in the Asia Pacific region.



Participants were asked to recommend hospitals in **their own field of expertise** and were able to recommend hospitals in a secondary field. Participants were asked to recommend hospitals in their own country as well as internationally within the APAC region. Recommendations for their own employers/hospitals were not allowed.



Analysis of **primary and secondary recommendations** across the 10 medical fields. A score was assigned to each hospital based on the number of weighted recommendations. Recommendations from the 2024 and 2025 survey period were given less weight compared to those from 2026.

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

Accreditation Score

## 2 Accreditations & certifications

- Both international and national accreditations relevant to general hospital quality and specific medical specialties were included (where available). For the complete list please see the appendix.

**International accreditations<sup>(1)</sup>** included were for example:

- Planetree
- The Joint Commission (JCI)
- Australian Council on Healthcare Standard International (ACHS International)

**National accreditations<sup>(2)</sup>** included were for example:

- Japan Council for Quality Health Care (JQ)
- Korea Institute for Healthcare Accreditation (KOIHA)
- Healthcare Accreditation Institute (HAI)

- In addition to general hospital certifications, available **accreditations/certifications relevant to specific medical fields** (e.g., Advanced Shoulder Surgery Certification for orthopedic hospitals, Advanced Comprehensive Heart Attack Center Certification for cardiac hospitals) were used.

### CERTIFICATION SCORE

# The Statista PROMs Implementation Survey collects data directly from hospitals

PROMs Implementation Survey

## 3 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**<sup>(1)</sup> to determine the status quo of PROMs implementation in hospitals, the auditing and reporting of their PROMs data, and whether the data is used to optimize care processes and support therapeutic decisions in real-time.
- Statista has partnered with the **International Consortium for Health Outcomes Measurement (ICHOM)** as a knowledge partner. ICHOM is the world's leading non-profit organization dedicated to the development of standardized measurement of patient-important outcomes. 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.
- This year, the survey was updated to more comprehensively assess PROMs implementation across several domains and now requires extensive proof documentation<sup>(2)</sup>.
- A grading system assigning specific weights to all survey questions is used to determine the PROMs implementation score for each participating hospital. The PROMs score, if available, contributes up to 6.5% towards a hospital's total score.
- Additionally, each participating hospital is assigned 1-5 ribbons<sup>(2)</sup> for their level of PROMs implementation, which is displayed in the published lists.
- Future survey cycles will be announced online by [Statista](#) and [Newsweek](#), as well as sent via e-mail to registered participants. Registrations can be submitted to: [hospitals@statista.com](mailto:hospitals@statista.com) or [here](#).

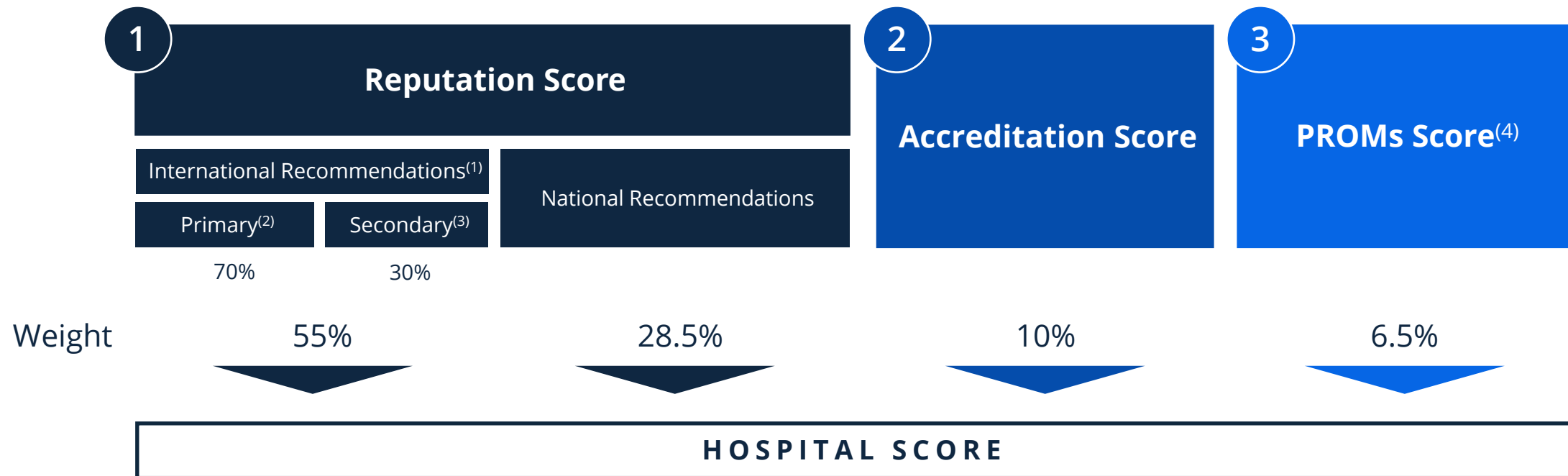
### SCORE FOR PROMS IMPLEMENTATION

7 (1) For an overview of the specific questions, a PDF version of the PROMs Implementation Survey can be accessed [here](#).

(2) Please note that the survey methodology underwent substantial revision this survey cycle, including stricter proof requirements and a transition from a 3-ribbon to a 5-ribbon scoring scale. As a result, ribbon allocations may differ from previous years even in cases where hospitals have maintained comparable levels of PROMs implementation, as performance is now assessed across a broader and more detailed set of criteria.

# A score was calculated for each hospital

Scoring model



Primary recommendations from peers (medical and other health care professionals) account for 70% of the international recommendations score. Secondary recommendations (from peers with knowledge in more than one medical field) have a weight of 30% towards the international recommendations score.

# The top hospitals in each medical field were awarded

Final ranking by specialties



## Cardiology

Rank	Hospital	City	Country	PROMs Survey
1	Asan Medical Center	Seoul	South Korea	3 Ribbons
2	Seoul National University Hospital	Seoul	South Korea	3 Ribbons
3	Samsung Medical Center	Seoul	South Korea	5 Ribbons
4	National Cerebral & Cardiovascular Center	Suita	Japan	
5	The University of Tokyo Hospital	Bunkyo	Japan	

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## Pediatrics

Rank	Hospital	City	Country	PROMs Survey
1	Seoul National University Hospital	Seoul	South Korea	3 Ribbons
2	The Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne	Parkville	Australia	
3	National Center for Child Health and Development	Setagaya	Japan	
4	Queensland Children's Hospital	South Brisbane	Australia	
5	Asan Medical Center	Seoul	South Korea	3 Ribbons

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**LEADING HOSPITALS WERE AWARDED IN EACH SPECIALTY**


# Statista R, Newsweek, and ICHOM comprise the strong partner network behind the *Best Specialized Hospitals Asia Pacific* ranking

Partner Network



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## About ICHOM

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# Disclaimer

The rankings are comprised exclusively of hospitals that are eligible regarding the scope described in this document. The ranking is the result of an elaborate process which, due to the interval of data-collection and analysis, is a reflection of the last 12 months. Furthermore, events preceding or following the period April 30, 2025 – April 30, 2026, and/or pertaining to individual persons affiliated/associated to the facilities were not included in the metrics. As such, the results of this ranking should not be used as the sole source of information for future deliberations.

The information provided in this ranking should be considered in conjunction with other available information about hospitals or, if possible, accompanied by a visit to a facility. The quality of hospitals that are not included in the rankings is not disputed.

# Appendix 1:

## Accreditations & certifications - complete list

### **A) International accreditations:**

1. Australian Council on Healthcare Standard International (ACHS International)
2. Planetree
3. The Joint Commission (JCI)
4. American Accreditation Commission International (AACI)
5. DNV International
6. International Society of Orthopaedic Centers (ISOC)
7. World Endoscopy Organization (WEO)

### **B) National accreditations:**

1. Japan Council for Quality Health Care (JQ)
2. Korea Institute for Healthcare Accreditation (KOIHA)
3. Malaysian Society for Quality in Health (MSQH)
4. National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare Providers (NABH)
5. Healthcare Accreditation Institute (HAI)
6. Indonesian Commission on Accreditation of Hospital (KARS ICAHO)
7. Australian Council on Healthcare Standard (ACHS)
8. Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth)

### **C) JCI specialty specific certifications:**

1. Acute Coronary Syndrome
2. Acute Ischemic Stroke Acute
3. Myocardial Infarction
4. Breast Cancer
5. Diabetes Mellitus
6. Heart Failure
7. Knee Replacement
8. Hip Replacement
9. Lumbar Decompression and Fixation
10. Lung Cancer
11. Orthogeriatric
12. Primary Stroke

### **D) ACHS International center specific accreditation:**

Data was available for pediatrics, cardiology, and oncology.