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## Pancreatic Resection for Cancer

Providence Saint John's Health Center  
Santa Monica, CA

Research has shown that patients have better outcomes when they have their pancreatic resection for cancer performed at a hospital and by a surgeon that have more experience with the procedure. These include lower mortality rates, lower complication rates, and a shorter length of stay than for patients who have their surgery done at a hospital or by a surgeon with less experience. Hospitals should also have a multidisciplinary tumor board that prospectively reviews cancer cases to ensure that surgeries are not performed when not needed, known as surgical appropriateness.

### This hospital's performance on pancreatic resection for cancer: Some Progress

This hospital performed **9** pancreatic resections for cancer compared to Leapfrog's standard of **20 procedures annually**.

As part of their process for privileging surgeons, this hospital **does** ensure that each surgeon meets or exceeds Leapfrog's minimum surgeon volume standard of at least **10 procedures annually** for pancreatic resection for cancer.

Additionally, this hospital **does** indicate having a multidisciplinary tumor board that prospectively reviews cancer cases to ensure that pancreatic resections for cancer are only performed on patients that meet defined criteria.

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