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## **FROEDTERT THEDACARE HOSPITALS RECOGNIZED BY VIZIENT AS 2026 BIRNBAUM QUALITY LEADERSHIP TOP PERFORMERS**

*Demonstrating Excellence in Patient Safety, Clinical Quality and Care Experience*

MENOMONEE FALLS, Wis. – Four Froedtert ThedaCare hospitals have been recognized as top performers in the 2026 Bernard A. Birnbaum, MD, Quality Leadership Ranking by Vizient®. Vizient recognizes hospitals and healthcare systems for demonstrating excellence in delivering high-quality care based on the Vizient Quality and Accountability Study.

At Froedtert ThedaCare, Vizient performance is the primary measure used to drive quality and accountability. Vizient provides a comprehensive view by focusing on variation in care and capturing the experiences and outcomes of all patients across a health system.

The following hospitals received top-decile recognitions:

**Froedtert West Bend Hospital** ranked 3 out of 280 participating organizations in the Community Medical Center Cohort in the 2026 Vizient Quality and Accountability Ranking.

**ThedaCare Regional Medical Center-Appleton** ranked 11 out of 225 participating organizations in the Large, Specialized Complex Care Medical Centers Cohort in the 2026 Vizient Quality and Accountability Ranking.

**ThedaCare Regional Medical Center-Neenah** ranked 5 out of 225 participating organizations in the Large, Specialized Complex Care Medical Centers Cohort in the 2026 Vizient Quality and Accountability Ranking.

**ThedaCare Medical Center-Wild Rose** ranked 8 out of 172 participating organizations in the Critical Access Care Hospital Cohort in the 2026 Vizient Quality and Accountability Ranking.

The following hospitals received top-quartile recognitions:

**Froedtert Hospital** ranked 13 out of 122 participating organizations in the Academic Medical Center Cohort in the 2026 Vizient Quality and Accountability Ranking.

**Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital** ranked 48 out of 280 participating organizations in the Community Hospital Cohort in the 2026 Vizient Quality and Accountability Ranking.

**ThedaCare Medical Center-Berlin** ranked 40 out of 172 participating organizations in the Critical Access Hospital Cohort in the 2026 Vizient Quality and Accountability Ranking.

“We’re pleased to earn these recognitions from Vizient, highlighting our quality metrics which provide measurement of the safe, high-quality care we provide for our patients and families,” said Imran A. Andrabi, MD, FAAFM, president and chief executive officer, Froedtert ThedaCare. “We deeply appreciate the expertise, compassion and dedication of our team members. Their commitment to delivering exceptional care and advancing positive outcomes is what enables us to serve our communities with excellence.”



Froedtert ThedaCare leaders emphasized that hospital awards and recognitions are an opportunity to celebrate the collective efforts and meaningful impact of teams serving patients and communities.

“These recognitions are evidence of a health system working together to deliver exceptional patient care,” said Ian Schwartz, MD, chief clinical officer, Froedtert ThedaCare, senior associate dean, Quality, Medical College of Wisconsin School of Medicine. “Each recognition reflects the collective efforts of physicians, clinicians and team members across the system who share a commitment to quality, safety and continuous improvement. These honors give patients confidence that they have access to high-quality care, no matter where they enter our system.”

This year, 1,346 participating hospitals were segmented into seven cohorts for the Vizient Quality and Accountability Study. The study measures performance on the quality of patient care in six domains: safety, mortality, effectiveness, efficiency, patient centeredness and variation in care. The study factors in measures from the Vizient Clinical Data Base and includes performance data from the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems survey and the CDC’s National Healthcare Safety Network.

“Delivering consistently high-quality care requires organizations to align clinical expertise, operational discipline and a continuous focus on improvement,” said David Levine, MD, chief medical officer, Vizient. “The hospitals recognized this year demonstrate what is possible when that commitment is embedded across the organization, resulting in better performance and, most importantly, better care for patients.”

The Vizient Quality and Accountability Study helps participating hospitals and health systems understand their performance against their peers and identifies structures and processes associated with high performance in quality and safety across a broad spectrum of patient care activity.

The recognition period is for work spanning July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

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#### **About Froedtert ThedaCare**

Froedtert ThedaCare is an integrated healthcare system serving nearly half of Wisconsin’s population. Its 28,000+ team members, physicians and clinicians are transforming communities through prediction, prevention and partnerships with excellence in primary and specialty care in 20 hospitals and more than 360 outpatient locations. Together with the Medical College of Wisconsin, we form the region's only academic medical center, providing the foundation for groundbreaking medical research and excellence in education to accelerate discovery and drive innovation. The system is uniquely positioned to be the trusted partner in advancing the health of our communities.

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