
Transparency Aim in Swiss ICU



New statistics have been released by the Federal Office of Public Health on intensive care in Swiss hospitals. The objective is to boost transparency and to allow patients and doctors to choose the most appropriate care.

The public health office publishes data on the quality of acute care in Swiss hospitals every year. The data covers 165 facilities and 49 pathologies and treatments ranging from knee operations to hip replacement to pneumonia or heart interventions.

The objective of providing this information is to ensure people are aware of which hospitals might suit their needs best as well as to improve medical care. It is understandable that people would be more comfortable and would expect better treatment from hospitals that have more experience handling a large number of cases. The data by the Federal Office of Public Health provides a breakdown of the number of treatments and operations performed in each of these acute care facilities.

"This helps to improve transparency and helps patients and physicians to choose the hospital suited to the treatment sought," the public health office said in a statement on Friday.

The primary indicators included in this analysis include the treatment of skin diseases and transplants as well as the average length of stay for certain hospital treatments. The results are weighted on the basis of risk and provide a good platform to compare different healthcare facilities.

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