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I suppose there is such a thing as too much information, but in at least one case, that information can be a good thing. The US government has just opened a new web site that gives visitors the opportunity to compare hospitals in several important measures: Their treatment of heart attack, heart failure and pneumonia.

The information was submitted by the hospitals themselves and was collated by the Department of Health and Human Services. While it is certainly not comprehensive in the analysis of care that hospitals give, it is certainly eye-opening. For myself, I found hospitals that I greatly respect giving care that is less than apparently standard, and other hospitals for whom I have little respect, giving, in some cases, better care. While it didn't fundamentally change my view of those hospitals, it did remind me that I needed to be aware of the old adage: **consumer beware**. To find out about your hospitals of interest, go [here](#).