

Find info about hospitals on the net

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Beginning today, consumers have a way to get safety and quality information about their hospitals.

A new Web site launched by the South Carolina Hospital Association - www.mySCHospital.org - provides performance measures for hospitals with regard to treating heart attacks, heart failure, pneumonia and other conditions.

"This initiative is a proactive response to growing public interest in measuring patient quality and safety," SCHA president Thornton Kirby said in a statement. "We want to ensure that mySCHospital.org includes measures that are meaningful to consumers, so we are measuring processes proven to positively influence the outcome of care."

The Web site also offers a link to the state Department of Health and Environmental Control's site, where information on infection rates is posted