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Vanderbilt, Baptist rank among top 125 hospitals

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Vanderbilt University Medical Center and **Baptist Hospital** are ranked among the top 125 hospitals in the nation by Consumers' Checkbook.

The list is published in the May/June 2009 issue of AARP The Magazine. Top hospitals were selected from 1,467 acute-care facilities in and around the nation's largest metropolitan areas.

Vanderbilt and Baptist are the only two hospitals from Middle Tennessee to make the ranking. Methodist University Hospital and Baptist Memorial Hospital, both in Memphis, also appear.

Criteria for selection included death rates and adverse-outcome rates for various medical and surgical cases, ratings by physicians and patients and major medical school affiliation.

Consumers' Checkbook is an independent, nonprofit consumer organization. The full list of hospitals is at www.aarpmagazine.org/health.

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