



BlueDistinction.  
Specialty Care

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# The Choices You Make Matter



**When you need specialty care, choosing the right health care facility is important**—and can sometimes

be a challenge. Facilities may have more expertise in certain areas of specialty care than others, which can impact the quality and results of the care you receive.

You deserve peace of mind that the health care facility you choose is right for the care you need. That's why Blue Cross and Blue Shield companies developed a national recognition program—Blue Distinction® Specialty Care—to make it easier for you and your doctor to find quality care at a facility that's right for you.

## 2 Recognitions

## 7 Areas of Care

### Blue Distinction® Center

Health care facilities recognized for their **expertise** in delivering specialty care

### Blue Distinction® Center+

Health care facilities recognized for their **expertise** and **efficiency** in delivering specialty care

- Bariatric Surgery
- Cardiac Care
- Complex and Rare Cancers\*
- Knee and Hip Replacement
- Maternity Care
- Spine Surgery
- Transplants

\*Blue Distinction Center designation only

### EVALUATING WHAT MATTERS

Blue Distinction Center and Blue Distinction Center+ designations are awarded to health care facilities based on a thorough, objective evaluation of their performance in the areas that matter most—**quality care, treatment expertise and overall patient outcomes**, just to name a few. Our selection criteria are developed with the help of expert physicians and medical organizations.

Blue Distinction Centers and Blue Distinction Centers+ have a **proven history of delivering better quality** and results than health care facilities without these recognitions.

### FIND A BLUE DISTINCTION CENTER NEAR YOU

Blue Distinction Centers and Blue Distinction Centers+ are available nationwide—and finding one is easy. To locate a facility:



Call the toll-free number on your membership card



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