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■ **COVER STORY** ■
BEST HOSPITALS

Ophthalmology

Rank	Hospital	City
1	All India Institute of Medical Sciences	Delhi
2	L V Prasad Eye Institute	Hyderabad
3	Sankara Nethralaya	Chennai
4	Aravind Eye Hospital	Madurai
5	Narayana Nethralaya	Bengaluru
6	Aravind Eye Hospital	Coimbatore
7	Sankara Eye Hospital	Bengaluru
8	Centre for Sight	Delhi
9	Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research	Chandigarh
10	Christian Medical College	Vellore
11	Sankara Eye Hospital, Sathy Road	Coimbatore
12	Dr. Agarwal's Eye Hospital	Chennai
13	L V Prasad Eye Institute	Bhubaneswar
14	Sankara Eye Hospital	Guntur
15	L V Prasad Eye Institute	Vishakhapatnam

⊡ **THE WEEK-HANSA RESEARCH BEST HOSPITALS SURVEY 2019** ⊡

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

THE SURVEY covered 17 cities (plus the National Capital Region) that are important medical centres in the country. Top hospitals for 10 specialties were also ranked.

Perceptual data collection

A primary survey was conducted among health care experts—726 physicians and 1,307 specialists. The sample was selected ensuring proper representation of all cities and specialities.

The experts were asked to nominate and rate the top 10 multispeciality hospitals in India and within their own city. Specialists were also asked to nominate and rate the top 10 hospitals for their specialisation. Experts' response for hospitals they are associated with were ignored.

Validation of findings

Data collected from the survey was validated using factual data from hospitals and other secondary sources. Final list was validated by leading doctors. Specialisation rankings were validated by experts who are opinion leaders in their field. City rankings were validated by experts from respective cities.

The core research team travelled extensively and met 75 senior doctors across cities and specialisations, apart from holding telephonic interviews with 80 experts, to validate the findings.

Ranking methodology

The final rank for a hospital is based on the number of nominations received, ranks given, and the ratings on the following six parameters:
♦ Overall reputation
♦ Competency of doctors
♦ Infrastructure and facilities
♦ Patient care
♦ Hospital environment
♦ Research and innovation

Note: Ranking for a city is based on the perception of the sample surveyed from that city, whereas the All India ranking is based on the perception of the sample surveyed in the country. Hence, city rankings may vary from the All India list.

How to use it?

The rankings make the opinion of health care experts available to the public. While immense care has been taken to provide an honest assessment about each hospital, the needs of each patient can be different. So, while this list can be used as a guideline, decisions should be based on what works best for the patient.