CHOOSING A HOSPITAL FOR CANCER SURGERY IS
A DELICATE OPERATION

HOSPITALS THAT DO FEWER CANCER SURGERIES ARE MORE LIKELY TO HAVE HIGHER RATES OF COMPLICATIONS AND DEATH

**ESOPHAGUS CANCER**
- **RISKIER**
  - 45 HOSPITALS PERFORMED 1 OR 2 SURGERIES
  - SOME HOSPITALS PERFORMED 18+
- **SAFER**
  - SOME HOSPITALS PERFORMED 38+

**COLON CANCER**
- **RISKIER**
  - 25 HOSPITALS PERFORMED 1 OR 2 SURGERIES
- **SAFER**
  - SOME HOSPITALS PERFORMED 108+

**LUNG CANCER**
- **RISKIER**
  - 30 HOSPITALS PERFORMED 1 OR 2 SURGERIES
- **SAFER**
  - SOME HOSPITALS PERFORMED 99+

**BLADDER CANCER**
- **RISKIER**
  - 57 HOSPITALS PERFORMED 1 OR 2 SURGERIES
- **SAFER**
  - SOME HOSPITALS PERFORMED 57+

FEWER SURGERIES = RISKIER
MORE SURGERIES = SAFER

**MOST CALIFORNIA HOSPITALS**
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1 OR 2 CANCER SURGERIES PER YEAR FOR AT LEAST 1 OF THE 11 CANCER TYPES STUDIED, PUTTING PATIENTS AT RISK

THERE MAY BE SAFER OPTIONS:
74% OF CANCER SURGERY PATIENTS LIVE WITHIN 50 MILES
OF A HOSPITAL IN THE TOP 20%
FOR NUMBER OF SURGERIES*

See how your hospital compares: www.CalQualityCare.org
Learn more at www.chcf.org/cancersurgery

*California hospitals that performed one or two surgeries for one or more of the 11 cancers studied (bladder, brain, breast, colon, esophagus, liver, lung, pancreas, prostate, rectum, stomach) were compared to higher-volume hospitals [in the top 20% for number of surgeries in Q4 2014 – Q3 2015]. Distance was measured as the crow flies, i.e., this is not driving distance. DATA SOURCE: California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD), Q4 2014-Q3 2015.

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