



# What Is The Geriatric Surgery Verification Program and What Does It Mean For My Care?

- ➔ Older adults who have surgery in GSV verified hospitals can expect:
- Prioritization of quality of life
  - Patient-centered, interdisciplinary care before, during, and after surgery
  - A hospital dedicated to professional collaboration and communication
  - High-quality care

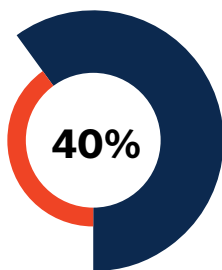


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## THE FACTS:



**10,000 AMERICANS**  
turn 65 everyday



**40% OF ALL SURGERIES**  
in the U.S. are performed  
on adults over 65



**OLDER ADULTS  
TEND TO DO WORSE**  
after surgery compared to  
younger patients



**PROBLEM:**  
modern medicine is  
getting better at helping  
us live longer lives, but not  
necessarily better lives

➔ **GSV hospitals focus on these 4 areas throughout the surgical journey to prioritize your quality of life and what matters most to you:**

- Goals & Decision-Making (overall health goals and impact of surgery)
- Cognition (thinking skills and memory)
- Function & Mobility (ability to be independent)
- Nutrition & Hydration (being well-nourished and well-hydrated)

**THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS** is the world's largest organization of surgeons, founded in 1913 to improve the quality of care for surgical patients by setting high standards for surgical practice. The ACS has a long history of creating quality improvement programs for specialties such as trauma, breast cancer, and bariatric surgery, and patients getting those surgeries in hospitals verified in those programs have better outcomes after surgery. Rising to meet the need for better outcomes in older surgical patients, the ACS established the Geriatric Surgery Verification (GSV) Program.