



**Geriatric
Surgery Verification**

A QUALITY PROGRAM
of the AMERICAN COLLEGE
OF SURGEONS

What Is The Geriatric Surgery Verification Program & 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



Learn more about us at:

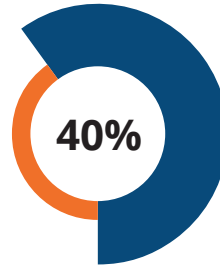
www.facs.org/quality-programs/geriatric-surgery



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.

