

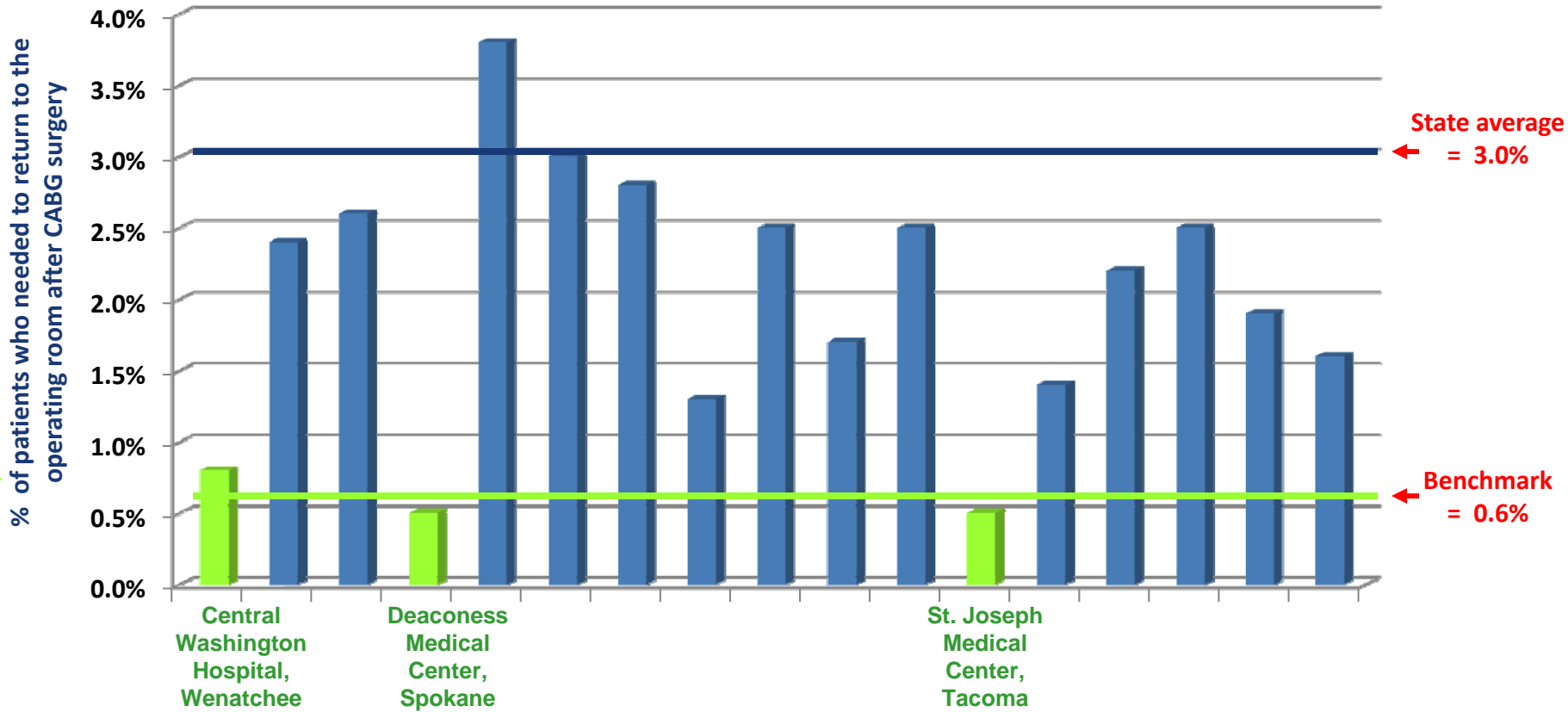


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Return to the Operating Room – WA State “Average” vs “Benchmark”

- One significant complication that can occur following cardiac surgery is the need to return to the operating room (OR). This can be the result of bleeding, an infection in the incision, or for many other reasons. Returning to the OR can increase a patient’s overall risk and the chance of experiencing additional complications.
- Results for this measure refer to the percentage of patients in Washington State that needed to return to the operating room following their coronary artery bypass graft (CABG) surgery. Among hospitals statewide, the average is 3.0%.
- Individual hospital results for Washington State in 2010 range from a low of 0.5% of patients needing to return to the operating room following CABG surgery to a high of 3.8%. **Three hospitals in Washington have significantly lower “return to OR” rates than the state average, and as such have set what we call a “benchmark” for all hospitals to try to achieve. These top performing hospitals are highlighted on the following graph.**

Return to Operating Room: Average vs. Benchmark



These 3 hospitals are the top performing hospitals in the state for this particular measure.