**Appendix A.** Hospital-based specialty services included in composite scorea

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| Presence of a burn care unit |
| Presence of other special care |
| Presence of other intensive care |
| Presence of airborne infection isolation room |
| Presence of arthritis treatment center |
| Presence of bariatric/weight control services |
| Presence of blood donor center |
| Presence of adult cardiology services |
| Presence of chemotherapy services |
| Presence of emergency department |
| Presence of optical colonoscopy services |
| Presence of endoscopic ultrasound services |
| Presence of ablation of Barrett’s esophagus services |
| Presence of endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography services |
| Presence of extracorporeal shock waved lithotripter services |
| Presence of geriatric services |
| Presence of genetic testing/counseling services |
| Presence of hemodialysis services |
| Presence of HIV-AIDS services |
| Presence of hospice program |
| Presence of palliative care services |
| Presence of neurological services |
| Presence of oncology services |
| Presence of orthopedic services |
| Presence of pain management services |
| Presence of electrodiagnostic services |
| Presence of prosthetic and orthotic services |
| Presence of computed tomography (CT) scanner |
| Presence of diagnostic radioisotope facility |
| Presence of electron beam computed tomography |
| Presence of full-field digital mammography |
| Presence of magnetic resonance imaging |
| Presence of magnetic source imaging |
| Presence of intraoperative MRI |
| Presence of multisplice spiral CT (<64) |
| Presence of multisplice spiral CT (64+) |
| Presence of positron emission tomography/CT |
| Presence of single photon emission |
| Presence of ultrasound |
| Presence of image-guided radiation therapy |
| Presence of intensity-modulated radiation therapy |
| Presence of proton beam therapy |
| Presence of shaped beam radiation system |
| Presence of stereotactic radiosurgery |
| Presence of robotic surgery |
| Presence of sleep center |
| Presence of bone marrow transplant services |
| Presence of heart transplant services |
| Presence of kidney transplant services |
| Presence of liver transplant services |
| Presence of lung transplant services |
| Presence of tissue transplant services |
| Presence of other transplant services |
| Presence of virtual colonoscopy |
| Presence of wound management services |

**a**All variables obtained from 2013 American Hospital Association database. Presence of each variable was assigned 1 point (assigned 0 if specialty service was not present). Composite score was calculated by totaling total number of points, with maximum of 55 points (representing these 55 specialty services).