

**Benchmark** is a recognised standard that forms the basis for comparison. In quality improvement lexicon, a benchmark is a best in class achievement. This achievement then becomes the reference point or recognized standard of excellence against which similar processes are measured. Benchmark data is a recognised standard data set against which other data sets are compared.

## Source

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