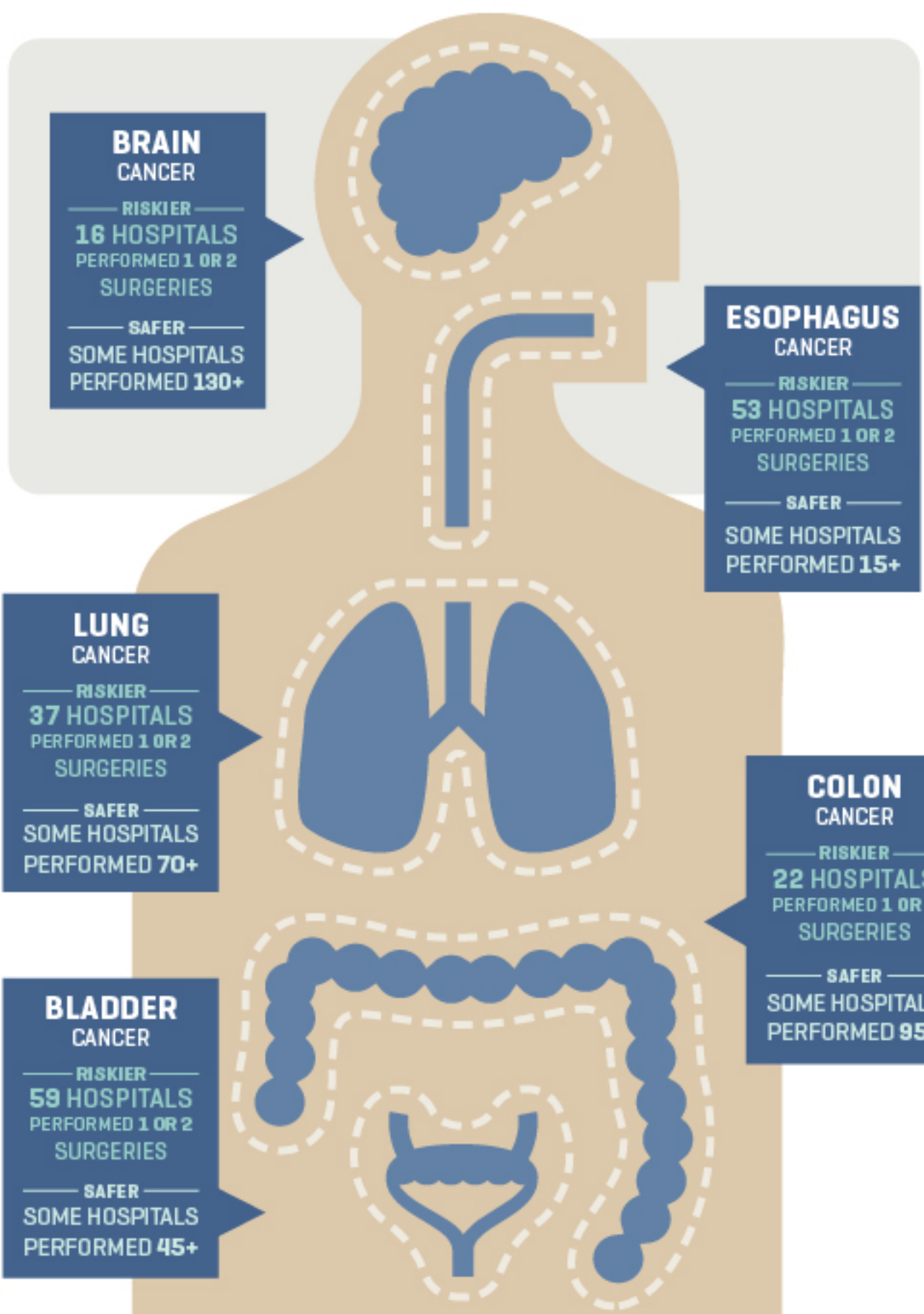
CHOOSING A HOSPITAL FOR CANCER SURGERY IS
A DELICATE OPERATION

HOSPITALS THAT DO FEWER CANCER SURGERIES ARE MORE LIKELY TO HAVE HIGHER RATES OF COMPLICATIONS AND DEATH



FEWER SURGERIES
=RISKIER
MORE SURGERIES
=SAFER

MOST CALIFORNIA HOSPITALS

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1 OR 2 CANCER SURGERIES PER YEAR FOR AT LEAST 1 OF THE 11 CANCER TYPES STUDIED,
PUTTING PATIENTS AT RISK

THERE MAY BE SAFER OPTIONS:
MORE THAN 70% OF CANCER SURGERY PATIENTS
LIVE WITHIN 50 MILES
OF A HOSPITAL IN THE TOP 20% FOR NUMBER OF SURGERIES*

See how your hospital compares: www.CalQualityCare.org
Learn more at www.chcf.org/cancersurgery

*California hospitals that performed one or two surgeries for one or more of the 11 cancers studied (bladder, brain, breast, colon, esophagus, liver, lung, pancreas, prostate, rectum, stomach) were compared to higher-volume hospitals (in the top 20% for number of surgeries in 2014). Distance was measured as the crow flies; i.e., this is not driving distance. **DATA SOURCE:** California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD), 2014.

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