Use credible sources to evaluate nursing facilities

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On the Register’s “Iowa Watch” blog, I’ve often referred to the fact that evaluating nursing facilities is a complex process. Here’s why:

The Register is committed to providing reliable, accurate information on nursing facilities. Our staff spends hundreds of hours researching and evaluating each facility to ensure that our readers have the best information possible.

However, there are also many other sources available that can provide valuable information on nursing facilities. Here are some of the most trusted sources for evaluating nursing facilities:

- The U.S. News & World Report’s Best Nursing Homes
- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
- Nursing Home Compare

These sources provide detailed information on the quality of care provided at each facility. They also provide ratings and rankings that can help you make an informed decision about where to place your loved one.

In addition to these sources, there are also many local newspapers and websites that provide information on nursing facilities in your area. These sources can be a good place to start when evaluating nursing facilities.

When evaluating nursing facilities, it’s important to consider the following:

- The quality of care provided: This includes the level of care provided to residents, as well as the qualifications of the staff.
- The safety of the facility: This includes the level of security provided to residents, as well as the cleanliness of the facility.
- The cost of care: This includes the cost of care at each facility, as well as any additional fees that may be charged.

By considering these factors, you can make an informed decision about where to place your loved one. Remember, the quality of care provided at a nursing facility is the most important factor to consider when making this decision.

The Register is committed to providing reliable, accurate information on nursing facilities. We encourage you to use these sources to evaluate nursing facilities and make an informed decision about where to place your loved one.