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Pennsylvania's Spring 2022 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades Announced

Bethlehem, PA, May 10, 2022 – The Leapfrog Group, a national nonprofit representing hundreds of the nation's most influential employers and purchasers of health care, driven in Pennsylvania by Lehigh Valley Business Coalition on Healthcare (LVBCH), announced today the [spring 2022 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades](#).

The independent grading system assigns an "A," "B," "C," "D," or "F" grade to all general hospitals across the U.S. based on over 30 national performance measures reflecting errors, accidents, injuries, and infections, as well as systems hospitals have in place to prevent harm. LVBCH is your Regional Leader for The Leapfrog Group in Pennsylvania.

In Pennsylvania, 133 hospitals were graded, and 61 earned an "A," 39 earned a "B," 26 earned a "C," 7 earned a "D," and none earned an "F." Only one Pennsylvania hospital – St. Clair Hospital located in Pittsburg – has received 'Straight As' since 2013. Overall, Pennsylvania has 45.9% "A" Hospitals and ranks 10th in the Nation.

LVBCH would like to recognize our local hospital systems and their hospitals that received an "A" including: Geisinger's Geisinger Medical Center, Bloomsburg, and Lewistown, Shamokin, and St. Luke's hospitals; Lehigh Valley Health Network's Hazleton and Pocono hospitals; and St. Luke's University Health Network's Allentown, Anderson, Bethlehem, Miners, Monroe, Sacred Heart, and Upper Bucks hospitals.

"The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade provides hospitals and patients with the information they need to make informed choices on where they seek care in Pennsylvania," said Carl Seitz, LVBCH President. "We commend our hospitals in Pennsylvania who continue to ensure that the safety of the patients they serve comes first."

"Hospital safety is now more important than ever. A hospital's sustained commitment to patient safety and health care quality saves lives," said Amanda Greene, Director of Operations, LVBCH and Leapfrog Regional Leader. "By using the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade, patients and their families can make the best selection for where to seek care."

The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade is the only hospital ratings program based exclusively on hospital prevention of medical errors and harms to patients. The grading system is peer-reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public. Grades are updated twice annually, in the fall and spring.

“Patients in Pennsylvania deserve to know which hospitals are safest, so they can make an informed decision to protect themselves and their loved ones when seeking care,” said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. “We’re excited to celebrate those hospitals in Pennsylvania that uphold high standards of patient care. This community should be proud.”

For more information about the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade, as well as individual hospital grades and state rankings, please visit HospitalSafetyGrade.org and follow The Leapfrog Group on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

About LVBCH

LVBCH is a multi-state, not-for-profit, coalition of employers striving to provide access to quality affordable healthcare for their employees. The Coalition’s mission is to improve the delivery, cost and quality of health care in our communities through: Collective employer action; Quality and data initiatives; Value based purchasing; and, Providing forums for the exchange of information, ideas and resources. The Coalition is also a member of the National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions, the National Quality Forum and The Leapfrog Group. For more information, visit www.LVBCH.com.

About The Leapfrog Group

Founded in 2000 by large employers and other purchasers, The Leapfrog Group is a national nonprofit organization driving a movement for giant leaps forward for patient safety. The flagship Leapfrog Hospital Survey and new Leapfrog Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) Survey collect and transparently report hospital and ASC performance, empowering purchasers to find the highest-value care and giving consumers the lifesaving information they need to make informed decisions. The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade, Leapfrog's other main initiative, assigns letter grades to hospitals based on their record of patient safety, helping consumers protect themselves and their families from errors, injuries, accidents, and infections. For more, follow us on Twitter and Facebook, and sign up for our newsletter.

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