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Pennsylvania's Hospitals and Surgery Center
Awarded National Distinction by The Leapfrog Group

Bethlehem, PA, December 6, 2022 – The Leapfrog Group, a national nonprofit watchdog organization that rates hospitals on how well they protect patients from errors and infections, as well as the effectiveness of procedures and other care they provide, announced today five hospitals and one ambulatory surgery center (ASC) in Pennsylvania that have been named to its 2022 national lists of Top Hospitals and Top Ambulatory Surgery Centers. The winning hospital and ASC facilities will be officially recognized today as part of Leapfrog's 2022 Annual Meeting & Awards Dinner.

Lehigh Valley hospitals, St. Luke's Hospital Allentown Campus and St. Luke's Hospital Anderson Campus, were both awarded Top 2022 Small Teaching Hospitals. UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburg – Top 2022 Children's Hospital, WellSpan Gettysburg Hospital – Top 2022 General Hospital, and Einstein Medical Center Montgomery – Top 2022 Small Teaching Hospital also received awards. The elite award is one of the most competitive honors American hospitals can receive in safety and quality.

St. Luke's Endoscopy Center – Buxmont was the only facility in Pennsylvania to be awarded a Top ASC award. The highly competitive award honors an elite selection of 12 ASCs across the country for their commitment to patient safety and quality, including error prevention, safe staffing, patient experience, hand hygiene, and surgical checklist protocols.

"Leapfrog's Top Hospitals and Top ASCs Awards provide critical patient safety information to consumers," said Carl Seitz, President, LVBCH. "On behalf of our members and our community we are committed to collaborating with local hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, and other stakeholders to ensure patients in Pennsylvania are receiving the safest possible care. We are proud of our local facilities, and facilities across the state, that have received these distinctions." Lehigh Valley Business Coalition on Healthcare (LVBCH) is a Leapfrog Regional Leader, working with providers, purchasers, payors and patients in Pennsylvania to drive safe, high-quality health care.

"We are honored to recognize our 2022 Top Hospitals. Their commitment to transparency and excellence saves lives and enriches communities every second of every day," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "We also honor our 2022 Top ACSs. They deliver high quality care in their communities by meeting Leapfrog's stringent standards for excellence. These ASCs truly put patients first."

The Top Hospital award is given to teaching, general, rural and children's hospitals that publicly report their performance through the Leapfrog Hospital Survey and meet the high standards defined in the Top Hospitals Methodology. This includes infection rates, maternity care and a hospital's ability to prevent medication errors, among other standards. A total of 115 hospitals were selected as Top Hospitals, including: 12 Top Children's Hospitals, 32 Top General Hospitals, 13 Top Rural Hospitals and 58 Top Teaching Hospitals. To see the full national list of institutions honored as 2022 Top Hospitals, please visit www.leapfroggroup.org/tophospitals.

Data used to identify Top ASCs is gathered through the Leapfrog ASC Survey and extensively verified. The results are publicly reported alongside those of hospital outpatient departments, providing the community with the information needed to choose the right facility for their surgical procedure. To see the methodology for Top ASCs, please visit <http://www.leapfroggroup.org/ratings-reports/top-ascs>.

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](http://www.leapfroggroup.org) is a national nonprofit organization driving a movement for giant leaps for patient safety. The flagship [Leapfrog Hospital Survey](http://www.leapfroggroup.org/hospital-survey) and new [Leapfrog Ambulatory Surgery Center \(ASC\) Survey](http://www.leapfroggroup.org/asc-survey) collect and [transparently report](http://www.leapfroggroup.org/transparent-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](http://www.leapfroggroup.org/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](https://twitter.com/leapfroggroup), and [sign up for our newsletter](http://www.leapfroggroup.org/newsletter).

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