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Leapfrog Announces 2020 Top Hospital Award for Pennsylvania Area Hospitals

Bethlehem, PA, December 8, 2020 – The Leapfrog Group announced today 11 hospitals in Pennsylvania have been named to its 2020 national list of Top Hospitals, including:

- Butler Memorial Hospital – Top General Hospital
- Lancaster General Hospital – Top Teaching Hospital
- Lehigh Valley Hospital – Pocono – Top General Hospital
- Meadville Medical Center – Top Rural Hospital
- St. Luke’s University Hospital – Allentown Campus – Top Teaching Hospital
- St. Luke’s University Hospital – Anderson Campus – Top Teaching Hospital
- St. Luke’s University Hospital – Bethlehem Campus – Top Teaching Hospital
- St. Luke’s University Hospital – Monroe Campus – Top General Hospital
- UPMC Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh – Top Children’s Hospital
- WellSpan Chambersburg Hospital – Top Teaching Hospital
- WellSpan Waynesboro Hospital – Top Teaching Hospital

The elite award is one of the most competitive honors American hospitals can receive in safety and quality. The winning facilities will be officially recognized as part of Leapfrog’s virtual Annual Meeting.

The 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. “The Top Hospital Award provides critical patient safety information to consumers,” said Carl Seitz, LVBCH President and Leapfrog Regional Leader. “On behalf of our members and our community we are committed to collaborating with local hospitals and other stakeholders to ensure patients in Pennsylvania are receiving the safest possible care. We are proud of our local hospitals as well as hospitals across the state that have received this distinction.”

The Leapfrog Group is 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. A total of 105 hospitals were selected as Top Hospitals, including: 9 Top Children’s Hospitals, 29 Top General Hospitals, 19 Top Rural Hospitals and 48 Top Teaching Hospitals.

“We are honored to highlight our 2020 Top Hospitals. Their commitment to transparency, along with patient safety and quality care, helps move the needle in

saving lives across the nation,” said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. “The current pandemic has reiterated the importance of putting patient safety first and these hospitals are a great example of that. [Coalition name] has done an exemplar job in [your community] and we can expect them to be at the helm of this journey.”

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. To see the full national list of institutions honored as 2020 Top Hospitals, please visit www.leapfroggroup.org/tophospitals.

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 in the quality and safety of American health care. The flagship Leapfrog Hospital Survey collects and transparently reports hospital 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.

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