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Pennsylvania's Fall 2021 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades Announced

Bethlehem, PA, November 10, 2021 – 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, announced today the [fall 2021 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades](#).

The independent grading system assigns an "A," "B," "C," "D," or "F" grade to general hospitals across the country based on over thirty national measures of preventable errors, injuries, accidents, and infections. The fall 2021 Hospital Safety Grade represents the largest set of hospitals ever graded with grades assigned to 2,901 facilities across the country.

In Pennsylvania, 135 hospitals were graded, and 62 earned an "A," 35 earned a "B," 31 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.

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 hospitals; Lehigh Valley Health Network's Hazleton and Pocono hospitals; and St. Luke's University Health Network's Allentown, Anderson, Bethlehem, Easton, Lehighton, 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."

"Our members watch the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade closely because we know how critical they are to the lives and health of people throughout the Lehigh Valley and Pennsylvania," said Amanda Greene, Director of Operations, LVBCH and Leapfrog Regional Leader. "Hospitals' commitment to fundamental safety practices can save lives."

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.

“The Leapfrog Group thanks the health care workers in Pennsylvania and nationwide who work so hard for their communities. It’s important we recognize excellence, especially in times like these. But it’s also important to know when hospitals fall short because lives are at stake,” said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. “We see every day how hospitals can and will improve their safety when patients make clear it’s important to them.”

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 in the quality and safety of American health care. 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.

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