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Two Area Hospitals Earn Leapfrog's 2015 Top Hospital Award

*LVBCH Salutes Geisinger Medical Center and Reading Hospital
for Earning this Prestigious National Recognition*

Bethlehem, PA, (December 2, 2015) – Demonstrating the highest standards of care, two local hospitals were named to The Leapfrog Group's annual list of Top Hospitals. ***Geisinger Medical Center (Danville)*** and ***Reading Hospital*** received this coveted award for 2015. Widely acknowledged as one of the most prestigious distinctions any hospital can achieve in the United States, the award recognizes hospitals who are committed to Leapfrog's vision of providing the safest, highest quality health care for consumers and purchasers alike.

"As a Regional Roll-out Organization for Pennsylvania, the Lehigh Valley Business Coalition on Healthcare (LVBCH) is pleased to recognize these two facilities for their outstanding efforts in providing high quality care in a safe and efficient manner," said Tom Croyle, president of LVBCH. "The Leapfrog Group's employer and purchaser members set the toughest standards for patient safety, quality and transparency. We applaud every hospital that publicly reports to Leapfrog's annual hospital survey. It's an honor to be able to recognize two facilities in our region for this outstanding achievement."

The announcement came today at Leapfrog's 15th anniversary celebration in Washington, D.C., with key decision-makers from Leapfrog's network of purchaser members, industry partners, health care stakeholders and national collaborators gathered for the occasion. Croyle was on hand at the event to make the award presentations to these two local hospitals that are leading the pack on quality, patient safety and transparency.

"We see great leadership among Top Hospitals in preventing medical errors and getting good results for patients," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "I congratulate the board, staff, and clinicians of these hospitals whose efforts have led to these results."

This year, 98 hospitals received the Top Hospital distinction. Of those, 12 were recognized as a Top Children's Hospital, up from nine honored last year. They're joined by 24 Top Rural Hospitals, one of the few distinctions made available for rural and critical access hospitals, and 62 Top Urban Hospitals.

The Top Hospital award is given to urban, rural and children's hospitals that publicly report their performance through the Leapfrog Hospital Survey and meet the high standards defined in each year's Top Hospitals Methodology. To see the full list of institutions honored as a 2015 Top Hospital, please visit www.leapfroggroup.org/tophospitals.

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. [Hospital Safety Score](#), 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.

About LVBCH

LVBCH is a multi-state, not-for-profit, coalition of employers striving to provide the finest health care coverage possible for their employees, in the most economical fashion. 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 Business Coalition on Health, the National Quality Forum and The Leapfrog Group. For more information, visit www.LVBCH.com.

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