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Thomas J. CroyleE-mail: tcroyle@lvbch.com***Three PA Hospitals Earn Leapfrog's 2016 Top Hospital Award****LVBCH Salutes these Hospitals for Earning this Prestigious National Recognition*

Bethlehem, PA, (December 6, 2016) – Three Pennsylvania hospitals were named to The Leapfrog Group's annual list of Top Hospitals which honors the highest performing hospitals on the Leapfrog Hospital Survey. **Doylestown Hospital (Doylestown, PA), Grand View Health (Sellersville, PA), and PinnacleHealth West Shore Hospital (Mechanicsburg, PA)** received this coveted award for 2016. 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. The winning facilities will be officially recognized at Leapfrog's Annual Meeting on December 6, 2016 in Washington, D.C.

"As a Leapfrog Regional Leader Organization for Pennsylvania, the Lehigh Valley Business Coalition on Healthcare (LVBCH) is pleased to recognize these three 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."

This year, 115 Top Hospitals are being honored. Of those, 9 were recognized as Top Children's Hospitals, 56 have been named Top General Hospitals, 21 were named Top Rural Hospitals, and 29 were named Top Teaching Hospitals. All three PA Top Hospitals were recognized in the Top General Hospital category.

"Hospitals that receive the Top Hospital distinction have demonstrated excellence at providing safe and high quality care," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "We recognize that staff throughout the entire hospital share this commitment and congratulate every person who contributed to their hospital's success."

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. To see the full list of institutions honored as 2016 Top Hospitals, 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. 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.

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 Business Coalition on Health, the National Quality Forum and The Leapfrog Group. For more information, visit www.LVBCH.com.

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