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Seven PA Hospitals Earn Leapfrog's 2017 Top Hospital Award

LVBCH Salutes these Hospitals for Earning this Prestigious National Recognition

Bethlehem, PA, (December 7, 2017) – Seven 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. The following hospitals received this coveted award for 2017:

Category	Facility Name
Top Children's Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• St Christopher's Hospital For Children
Top General Hospitals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Doylestown Hospital*• PinnacleHealth Community General Osteopathic Hospital• PinnacleHealth Harrisburg Hospital• PinnacleHealth West Shore Hospital*
Top Teaching Hospitals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jeanes Hospital• Lancaster General Hospital

*** Received a Top Hospital Award in 2016 and again in 2017.**

This is the second year in a row that two of the seven PA hospitals – **Doylestown Hospital** and **PinnacleHealth West Shore Hospital** were honored with a Top Hospital award.

This elite award is one of the most competitive honors American hospitals can receive in safety and quality. The winning facilities will be officially recognized at Leapfrog's Annual Top Hospitals Ceremony tonight in Arlington, VA.

"As a Leapfrog Regional Leader Organization for Pennsylvania, the Lehigh Valley Business Coalition on Healthcare (LVBCH) is pleased to recognize these seven facilities for their outstanding efforts in providing high quality care in a safe and efficient manner," said Carl Seitz, 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, Leapfrog recognized 109 Top Hospitals across the country. Of those, 10 were Top Children's Hospitals, 45 Top General Hospitals, 18 Top Rural Hospitals and 36 Top Teaching Hospitals. Of the 7 Top Hospitals in Pennsylvania, 1 was a Top Children's Hospitals, 4 were Top General Hospitals, and 2 were Top Teaching Hospitals.

"Leapfrog Top Hospitals are the nation's role models for putting patients first," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "We congratulate the Boards, management, clinicians, staff and volunteers whose dedication makes all the difference."

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](http://www.leapfroggroup.org/tophospitals). 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 2017 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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