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Fall 2016 Grades for Patient Safety Announced for Pennsylvania

Bethlehem, PA (October 31, 2016) – The Lehigh Valley Business Coalition on Healthcare (LVBCH) announced today the release of the Fall 2016 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades, published by national nonprofit watchdog The Leapfrog Group. Assigning A, B, C, D, and F letter grades, the Safety Grade provides the most complete picture of avoidable hospital errors, accidents and infections that kill or harm hundreds of thousands of patients every year. Over 2,600 general acute-care hospitals received a grade this fall.

In Pennsylvania, grades were assigned to 131 hospitals with 32 (24%) receiving an “A”, the highest letter grade, showcasing a dedication to safe care. Only one PA hospital – **St. Clair Hospital located in Pittsburgh** -- has received “Straight As” since 2013.

“Every community deserves to be served by hospitals that prioritize patient safety. LVBCH’s dedication to increasing hospital safety and transparency has directly impacted the care PA residents receive,” said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. “We thank LVBCH for its strong leadership and steadfast commitment to the health and wellbeing of its community members.

“By working collaboratively with our community hospitals, we can help improve the care that every patient in Pennsylvania receives,” said Tom Croyle, LVBCH President. “We acknowledge the front-line caregivers, the hospital leadership, the patient advocates, and all those who are helping us reduce patient harm. We especially congratulate our “A” hospitals for setting an example for Pennsylvania and encourage all hospitals to continue making patient safety a top priority.”

The 32 hospitals receiving an “A” in the state of PA for Fall of 2016 are:

- Abington Health Lansdale Hospital
- Bryn Mawr Hospital
- Carlisle Regional Medical Center
- Chester County Hospital
- Doylestown Hospital
- Evangelical Community Hospital
- Frick Hospital
- Geisinger Medical Center
- Geisinger Shamokin Area Community Hospital
- Grand View Health
- Hahnemann University Hospital
- Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
- J. C. Blair Memorial Hospital
- Jeanes Hospital
- Meadville Medical Center
- Paoli Hospital
- Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center
- PinnacleHealth Community General Osteopathic Hospital
- PinnacleHealth West Shore Hospital
- Pocono Medical Center
- Roxborough Memorial Hospital
- Sacred Heart Hospital
- **St. Clair Hospital***
- St. Luke's Hospital - Anderson Campus
- Thomas Jefferson University Hospital
- Thomas Jefferson University Hospital - Methodist Hospital Campus
- University of Pittsburgh Medical Center - East Campus
- Washington Hospital
- Wayne Memorial Hospital
- Waynesboro Hospital
- WellSpan Gettysburg Hospital
- Williamsport Regional Medical Center

*** The only Hospital in PA getting “Straight As” since 2013**

The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade assigns A, B, C, D and F grades to more than 2,600 U.S. hospitals twice per year. It is calculated by top patient safety experts, peer-reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public.

For more information about the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade or to view the list of state rankings, please visit www.hospitalsafetygrade.org. To learn how employers are footing the bill for hospital errors, visit Leapfrog's [Cost Calculator](#). Journalists interested in scheduling an interview should email LeapfrogMediaGroup@sternstrategy.com.

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.

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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