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## Leapfrog Announces Fall 2017 Hospital Safety Grades 38 Pennsylvania Hospitals Earned an “A” Letter Grade

**Bethlehem, PA (October 31, 2017)** – [The Leapfrog Group](http://www.leapfrog.org), a Washington D.C.-based organization aiming to improve health care quality for consumers, employers and purchasers, announced today the Fall 2017 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades, assigning A, B, C, D and F letter grades to general acute-care hospitals in the U.S. based on errors, accidents and infections.

In Pennsylvania, 126 hospitals were graded, and 38 (30%) were awarded an “A”, the highest letter grade, demonstrating these hospitals’ dedication to safe care. Only one Pennsylvania hospital – **St. Clair Hospital located in Pittsburgh** -- has received ‘Straight As’ since 2013.

The 38 hospitals receiving an ‘A’ safety grade in the state of Pennsylvania for Fall of 2017 are:

- Abington Health Lansdale Hospital
- Aria Health - Bucks County Division
- Bryn Mawr Hospital
- DLP Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center
- Doylestown Hospital
- Evangelical Community Hospital
- Geisinger Medical Center
- Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center
- Grand View Health
- Guthrie Robert Packer Hospital
- Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
- Indiana Regional Medical Center
- Jeanes Hospital
- Lancaster General Hospital
- Latrobe Hospital
- Lehigh Valley Hospital - Muhlenberg
- Lehigh Valley Hospital - Pocono
- Meadville Medical Center
- Monongahela Valley Hospital
- Paoli Hospital
- Penn Medicine Chester County Hospital
- Penn Presbyterian Medical Center
- Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center
- PinnacleHealth Community General Osteopathic Hospital
- PinnacleHealth Harrisburg Hospital
- PinnacleHealth West Shore Hospital
- **St. Clair Hospital\***
- St. Luke's Hospital - Allentown Campus
- St. Luke's Quakertown Hospital
- St. Luke's University Hospital - Bethlehem Campus
- Thomas Jefferson University Hospital
- Thomas Jefferson University Hospital - Methodist Hospital Campus
- Uniontown Hospital
- UPMC East
- UPMC Bedford Memorial
- UPMC Pinnacle Carlisle
- WellSpan Gettysburg Hospital
- Williamsport Regional Medical Center

**\* The only Hospital in Pennsylvania getting ‘Straight As’ since 2013**

“We applaud LVBCH’s continued commitment to improving the safety of patients in local hospitals,” said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. “The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade helps shed light on those hospitals that need improvement, but also celebrates those committed to making their communities safer.”

“On behalf of local employers and all residents of Pennsylvania, we are committed to ensuring our hospitals offer the safest care to their patients,” said Carl Seitz, president of LVBCH. “We look forward to working collaboratively with the hospitals and other stakeholders in our community on their quest for improvement.”

Twice per year, more than 2,600 U.S. hospitals are assigned A, B, C, D and F grades by the Leapfrog Group. Of the 2,632 hospitals graded in Fall 2017, 832 (32%) earned an “A,” 662 (25%) a “B,” 964 (37%) a “C,” 159 (6%) a “D” and 15 (1%) an “F.” The Grades are calculated by top patient safety experts and are peer-reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public.

For more information about the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade or to view a list of state rankings, please visit [www.hospitalsafetygrade.org](http://www.hospitalsafetygrade.org). Journalists interested in scheduling interviews should email [SternLeapfrogTeam@SternStrategy.com](mailto:SternLeapfrogTeam@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 Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions, the National Quality Forum and The Leapfrog Group. For more information, visit [www.LVBCH.com](http://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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