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Spring 2017 Grades for Patient Safety Announced for Pennsylvania, Marking the Five-Year Anniversary of Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades

Bethlehem, PA (April 12, 2017) – [The Leapfrog Group](http://www.leapfrog.org), a national nonprofit watchdog, announced today the release of the Spring 2017 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades, marking five years since the inception of the Grade in 2012. Strides in patient safety have continually been made over time including a [21 percent decline in hospital acquired conditions](#), [increased adoption and improved functionality of computerized physician order entry systems](#), and [millions of averted patient harms](#).

In Pennsylvania, 132 hospitals were graded, and 31 (23%) received 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.

"Since the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade launch in 2012, our mission has been to increase awareness of hospital safety concerns among consumers, as well as light a fire under hospitals and community leaders to be champions for change. LVBCH has proven its dedication to improving patient safety through its ongoing work with local hospitals," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "We commend every individual who has contributed to ensure patients in Pennsylvania receive safe care."

"I congratulate the 31 'A' graded facilities across Pennsylvania for their achievement," said Tom Croyle President of LVBCH. "We all want the hospitals serving our communities to provide the best in patient care," said Croyle. "As the Patient Safety Grade reaches a five year milestone providing information to consumers, we should be proud of the work that has been done to improve patient safety, but recognize that much work remains to be done."

The 31 hospitals receiving an 'A' in the state of PA for Spring of 2017 are:

- Abington Health Lansdale Hospital
- Bryn Mawr Hospital
- Chester County Hospital
- Delaware County Memorial Hospital
- Doylestown Hospital
- Evangelical Community Hospital
- Geisinger Lewistown Hospital
- Geisinger Medical Center
- Grand View Health
- Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
- Indiana Regional Medical Center
- Lehigh Valley Hospital - Pocono Medical
- Meadville Medical Center
- Mercy Philadelphia Hospital
- Monongahela Valley Hospital
- Paoli Hospital
- Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center
- PinnacleHealth Community General Osteopathic Hospital
- PinnacleHealth Harrisburg Hospital
- PinnacleHealth West Shore Hospital
- Roxborough Memorial Hospital
- Sacred Heart Hospital
- Soldiers and Sailors Memorial 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
- 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 paying the price for hospital errors, visit Leapfrog's [Lives and Dollars Lost to Medical Errors 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 Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions, 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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