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Spring 2018 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades Highlight Patient Safety 37 Pennsylvania Hospitals Earned an “A” Letter Grade

Bethlehem, PA (April 24, 2018) – [The Leapfrog Group](http://www.leapfrog.org), a Washington, D.C.-based organization aiming to improve health care quality and safety for consumers and purchasers, announced today the updated [Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades](http://www.leapfrog.org). General acute-care hospitals in the U.S. are assigned letter grades of A, B, C, D or F based on their performance in preventing medical errors, infections and other harms. These errors, killing or harming millions of people per year, are the third leading cause of death in the U.S.

In Pennsylvania, 118 hospitals were graded, and 37 (31%) were awarded an “A”, the highest letter grade, demonstrating these hospitals’ dedication to safe care. Only two Pennsylvania hospitals – PinnacleHealth Community General Osteopathic Hospital in Harrisburg and St. Clair Hospital located in Pittsburgh -- have received ‘Straight As’ since 2015.

The 37 hospitals receiving an ‘A’ safety grade in the state of Pennsylvania for Spring of 2018 are:

- Abington Health Lansdale Hospital
- Bryn Mawr Hospital
- DLP Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center
- Doylestown Hospital
- Einstein Medical Center Montgomery
- Evangelical Community Hospital
- Geisinger Medical Center
- Grand View Health
- Guthrie Robert Packer Hospital
- Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
- Jeanes Hospital
- Lancaster General Hospital
- Latrobe Hospital
- Lehigh Valley Hospital - Cedar Crest
- Lehigh Valley Hospital - Muhlenberg
- Lehigh Valley Hospital - Pocono
- Monongahela Valley 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
- Reading Hospital
- ***St. Clair Hospital****
- St. Luke's Hospital - Allentown Campus
- St. Luke's Hospital - Anderson Campus
- St. Luke's University Hospital - Bethlehem Campus
- St. Mary Medical Center
- Thomas Jefferson University Hospital
- Thomas Jefferson University Hospital - Methodist Hospital Campus
- UPMC East
- UPMC McKeesport
- UPMC Northwest
- UPMC Passavant - Cranberry
- UPMC Pinnacle Memorial
- Williamsport Regional Medical Center

* ***The only hospitals in Pennsylvania getting ‘Straight As’ since 2015.***

“With more than 200,000 people dying due to errors in hospitals every year, communities must be vigilant in monitoring the safety records of their local facilities,” said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. “The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade helps shed light on those hospitals in need of improvement, while also highlighting the safer facilities, to make it easy for patients to choose the best option for their care.”

“Patient safety should be a priority for all residents of Pennsylvania. We are committed to ensuring our hospitals offer the best and safest care to their patients,” said Carl Seitz, president of LVBCH. “We strive to work together with the hospitals and other stakeholders in our community to ensure excellent and safe care.”

Developed under the guidance of an Expert Panel, the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses 27 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign grades to approximately 2,500 U.S. hospitals twice per year. It is peer-reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public.

To see the complete Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade and access consumer-friendly tips for patients, visit www.hospitalsafetygrade.org, and follow The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#). Journalists interested in scheduling interviews should email 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.

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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