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Pennsylvania's Fall 2018 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades Announced

Bethlehem, PA Nov. 8, 2018 – [The Leapfrog Group](#), a national nonprofit aiming to improve health care quality for consumers, employers and purchasers, announced today the fall 2018 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades. The independent grading system assigns “A,” “B,” “C,” “D” and “F” letter grades to general acute-care hospitals in the U.S. based on their ability to protect patients from avoidable errors, injuries, accidents and infections.

In Pennsylvania, 132 hospitals were graded, and 50 earned an “A,” 27 earned a “B,” 47 earned a “C,” 8 earned a “D” and none earned an “F.” Only one Pennsylvania hospital – St. Clair Hospital located in Pittsburg – has received ‘Straight A’ since 2013.

The 50 hospitals receiving an ‘A’ safety grade in the state of Pennsylvania for Fall of 2018 are:

- Abington Health Lansdale Hospital
- Abington Memorial Hospital
- Bryn Mawr Hospital
- Chambersburg Hospital
- Conemaugh Nason Medical Center
- DLP Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center
- Doylestown Hospital
- Easton Hospital
- Geisinger Bloomsburg Hospital
- Geisinger Lewistown Hospital
- Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center
- Grand View Health
- Heritage Valley Sewickley
- J. C. Blair Memorial Hospital
- Jeanes Hospital
- Lancaster General Hospital
- Latrobe Hospital
- Lehigh Valley Hospital – Cedar Crest
- Lehigh Valley Hospital – Hazleton
- Lehigh Valley Hospital – Muhlenberg
- Lehigh Valley Hospital – Pocono
- Meadville Medical Center
- Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital
- Mercy Philadelphia Hospital
- Monongahela Valley Hospital
- Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center
- Reading Hospital
- Roxborough Memorial Hospital
- St. Joseph Regional Health Network dba St. Joseph Medical Center
- St. Clair Hospital*
- St. Luke's Hospital – Allentown Campus
- St. Luke's Hospital – Anderson Campus
- St. Luke's University Hospital – Bethlehem Campus
- Thomas Jefferson University Hospital – Methodist Hospital Campus
- UPMC East
- UPMC Altoona
- UPMC Bedford Memorial
- UPMC Hamot
- UPMC Horizon – Shenango Valley Campus
- UPMC McKeesport
- UPMC Northwest
- UPMC Passavant
- UPMC Passavant – Cranberry
- UPMC Pinnacle Carlisle
- UPMC Pinnacle Community Osteopathic
- UPMC Pinnacle Harrisburg
- UPMC Pinnacle Lititz
- UPMC Pinnacle West Shore Hospital
- UMPC Presbyterian

- Wayne Memorial Hospital

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

“The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades offer Pennsylvania information our community needs,” said Carl Seitz, president of LVBCH, a Regional Leader for Leapfrog. “On behalf of local employers, purchasers and patients, we are committed to working together to make our community the safest one in America.”

In the wake of the high stakes mid-term election, neither party can claim victory in addressing preventable errors and infection in hospitals. The fall 2018 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades show that 33 percent of hospitals in traditionally blue states and 32 percent of hospitals in traditionally red states earned “A’s.” As recently as September 2018, The Leapfrog Group testified at a hearing of the United States’ Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pension (HELP) Committee, offering guidance for a bipartisan approach to improving transparency of patient safety data and making progress on safety. “As a member of the HELP Committee, Senator Bob Casey should be recognized for leadership and commitment to the patient safety movement,” said Seitz.

“The Hospital Safety Grades give the American public information they need and deserve about the safety of their hospitals. Avoidable medical errors and infections in hospitals are still the third leading cause of death in the nation, and that’s not a partisan issue,” said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. “We commend LVBCH for making this a priority for the Lehigh Valley and across Pennsylvania.”

Developed under the guidance of a National Expert Panel, the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses 28 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign the grades to more than 2,600 U.S. hospitals twice per year. The Hospital Safety Grade’s methodology is peer-reviewed and fully transparent, and the results are free to the public.

For more information about the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade, as well as individual grades and state rankings please visit www.hospitalsafetygrade.org and follow The Leapfrog Group on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Journalists interested in scheduling interviews should email Leapfrogpr@jpa.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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