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Marking the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:  
Fall 2022 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades for Pennsylvania Announced

**Bethlehem, PA, November 16, 2022** – Marking the tenth anniversary of the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade, the Leapfrog Group, an independent national watchdog organization representing the nation's most influential employers and purchasers of health care, driven in Pennsylvania by the Lehigh Valley Business Coalition on Healthcare (LVBCH), announced the [fall 2022 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades](#).

The Leapfrog Group has a 10-year history of assigning letter grades to general hospitals throughout the United States, based on a hospital's ability to prevent medical errors and harm to patients. The grading system is peer-reviewed, fully transparent, and free to the public. Hospital Safety Grade results are based on more than 30 national performance measures and are updated each fall and spring.

The independent grading system assigns an "A," "B," "C," "D," or "F" grade to all general hospitals across the U.S. based on over 30 national performance measures reflecting errors, accidents, injuries, and infections, as well as systems hospitals have in place to prevent harm. LVBCH is your Regional Leader for The Leapfrog Group in Pennsylvania.

In Pennsylvania, 132 hospitals were graded, and 54 earned an "A," 43 earned a "B," 33 earned a "C," 2 earned a "D," and none earned an "F." Overall, Pennsylvania has 40.9% "A" Hospitals and ranks 9<sup>th</sup> in the Nation.

LVBCH would like to recognize our local hospital systems and their campuses that received an "A" including: Geisinger's Bloomsburg, Lewistown, and St. Luke's campuses; Lehigh Valley Health Network's Pocono campus; and St. Luke's University Health Network's Allentown, Anderson, Bethlehem, Easton, Miners, Monroe, Sacred Heart, and Upper Bucks campuses.

"The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade enables unprecedented transparency, driving improvements and empowering patients for the past ten years," said Carl Seitz, LVBCH President. "We are proud to represent hospitals in our community who are prioritizing the safety of their patients. Our hospitals should continue to uphold high standards of patient care and safety to protect and save lives."

"Hospital safety is now more important than ever. A hospital's sustained commitment to patient safety and health care quality saves lives, and patients in Pennsylvania deserve to know which hospitals are safest," said Amanda Greene, Director of Operations, LVBCH and Leapfrog Regional Leader. "By using the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade,

patients and their families can make informed decisions to protect themselves and their loved ones when seeking care.”

The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade is the only hospital ratings program based exclusively on hospital prevention of medical errors and harms to patients. The grading system is peer-reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public. Grades are updated twice annually, in the fall and spring.

“Full commitment of hospital leadership to safety remains essential. With transparency, hospitals have made tremendous progress over the last decade across patient safety measures and have the potential to make similar strides over the next 10 years,” said Leah Binder, President and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. “We congratulate the hospitals in this community that have proven their commitment to prioritizing patient safety. This achievement is no easy feat, considering the pandemic’s impact on care.”

For more information about the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade, as well as individual hospital grades and state rankings, please visit [HospitalSafetyGrade.org](http://HospitalSafetyGrade.org) and follow [The Leapfrog Group](#) on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and via its newsletter.

## 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 for patient safety. The flagship [Leapfrog Hospital Survey](#) and new [Leapfrog Ambulatory Surgery Center \(ASC\) Survey](#) collect and [transparently report](#) hospital and ASC 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. For more, [follow us on Twitter and Facebook, and sign up for our newsletter](#).

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