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Pennsylvania's Hospitals and Surgery Center Named Top Hospitals and Top ASCs The Leapfrog Group's Elite Award Recognizes Excellence in Quality and Safety

Bethlehem, PA – The Leapfrog Group announced today 9 hospitals in Pennsylvania have been named to its 2023 national list of Top Hospitals and 2 ambulatory surgery centers have been named to its 2023 national list of Top Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASCs). This elite award is one of the most competitive honors American hospitals and surgery centers can receive in safety and quality. The winning facilities will be officially recognized today as part of Leapfrog's 2023 Annual Meeting & Awards Dinner.

Pennsylvania's Top General Hospital Award recipients are UPMC Carlisle and WellSpan Gettysburg Hospital, Top Teaching Hospital Award recipients are Einstein Medical Center Montgomery, Lehigh Valley Hospital – Cedar Crest, St. Luke's Carbon Campus, St. Luke's Easton Hospital, St. Luke's Hospital – Allentown Campus, St. Luke's Hospital – Anderson Campus, and St. Luke's University Hospital – Bethlehem Campus, and Top Ambulatory Surgery Center Award recipients are St. Luke's Endoscopy Center – Buxmont and St. Luke's Endoscopy Center – Twin Rivers.

Lehigh Valley Business Coalition on Healthcare (LVBCH) is a Leapfrog Regional Leader, working with providers, purchasers, payors and patients in Pennsylvania to drive safe, high-quality health care.

"Leapfrog's Top Hospitals and Top ASCs Awards provide critical patient safety information to consumers," said Carl Seitz, President, LVBCH. "On behalf of our members and our community we are committed to collaborating with local hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, and other stakeholders to ensure patients in Pennsylvania are receiving the safest possible care. We are proud of our local facilities, and facilities across the state, that have received these distinctions."

The Leapfrog Group is a national nonprofit watchdog organization that rates hospitals and ASCs on how well they protect patients from errors and infections, as well as the effectiveness of procedures and other care they provide. A total of 132 hospitals were selected as Top Hospitals, including: 8 Top Children's Hospitals, 34 Top General Hospitals, 15 Top Rural Hospitals, and 75 Top Teaching Hospitals. A total of 27 ASCs were selected as Top ASCs.

"The Top ASCs and Top Hospital Awards are the toughest and most competitive awards in the industry, so Pennsylvania should be very proud," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "LVBCH has been a strong leader working with local hospitals and ASCs to promote and recognize excellence in Pennsylvania."

The Top Hospital award is given to teaching, general, rural and children's hospitals that publicly report their performance through the Leapfrog Hospital Survey and meet the high standards defined in the Top Hospitals Methodology. This includes infection rates, maternity care and a hospital's ability to prevent medication errors, among other standards. To see the full national list of institutions honored as 2022 Top Hospitals, please visit www.leapfroggroup.org/tophospitals.

Data used to identify Top ASCs is gathered through the Leapfrog ASC Survey and extensively verified. The results are publicly reported alongside those of hospital outpatient departments, providing the community with the information needed to choose the right facility for their surgical procedure. To see the methodology for Top ASCs, please visit <http://www.leapfroggroup.org/ratings-reports/top-ascs>.

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](http://www.leapfroggroup.org) is a national nonprofit organization driving a movement for giant leaps for patient safety. The flagship [Leapfrog Hospital Survey](http://www.leapfroggroup.org/leapfrog-hospital-survey) and new [Leapfrog Ambulatory Surgery Center \(ASC\) Survey](http://www.leapfroggroup.org/leapfrog-ambulatory-surgery-center) collect and [transparently report](http://www.leapfroggroup.org/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](http://www.leapfroggroup.org/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](http://www.leapfroggroup.org/follow-us-on-twitter-and-facebook).

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