



Leapfrog Group Announces Florida's Spring 2023 Hospital Grades

Data reveal CLABSI, MRSA and CAUTI rates spiked to a 5-year high during COVID-19 pandemic

Orlando, Florida, May 3, 2023 – The Leapfrog Group, a national nonprofit representing hundreds of the nation's most influential employers and purchasers of health care, driven in Florida by the Florida Alliance for Healthcare Value, announced the new [spring 2023 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades](#). Hospitals earn an "A", "B", "C", "D", or "F" Hospital Safety Grade reflecting how well they protect patients from medical errors, accidents, injuries, and infections. These preventable errors kill an estimated 250,000 Americans every year and harm millions more.

For the first time, data in Hospital Safety Grades incorporate hospital performance during the height of the pandemic, 2020-2022, and it suggests the average risk of three of the most harmful healthcare-associated infections (HAIs)—including Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), central line-associated bloodstream infections (CLABSI) and catheter-associated urinary tract infections (CAUTI)—spiked to a 5-year high in hospitals during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"With the increase in hospital infections during COVID-19, we know Florida hospitals are recommitting to patient safety, and we all need to reinforce the critical importance of that work," said Ashley Tait-Dinger, Florida Alliance Vice President. "The Hospital Safety Grades are an important tool for all of us to recognize the safety of patients in our local hospitals."

In Florida, 181 hospitals were graded, and 64 earned an "A," 42 earned a "B," 65 earned a "C," 10 earned a "D," and 0 earned an "F."

Congratulations to AdventHealth Daytona Beach for receiving an "A" Safety Grade every year since 2012.

"In light of the alarming findings on the increase in healthcare-associated infections, we need the full commitment of hospital leadership to ensure patient safety is a priority. The COVID-19 pandemic undoubtedly strained hospitals and their resources, and we now have the data to show the damage it caused," said Leah Binder, CEO and president of The Leapfrog Group. "Despite the pandemic, several hospitals in this community remained steadfast in their commitment to patient safety, and we congratulate those who achieved high grades."

The Leapfrog Group has a more than 10-year history of assigning letter grades to general hospitals throughout the U.S., based on a hospital's ability to prevent medical errors and harm to patients. Updated twice each year, in the spring and the fall, 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.

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

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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](#).