



Seventy Hospitals in Florida Earn “A” Grades in Today’s National Announcement of Fall 2023 Hospital Safety Grades from The Leapfrog Group

Infections are Down Nationally After a Spike During the Pandemic

Orlando, Florida, November 6, 2023 – The Leapfrog Group, a national nonprofit representing hundreds of the nation’s most influential employers and purchasers of health care and driven in Florida by the Florida Alliance for Healthcare Value, announced the [Fall 2023 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades](#). The grade reflects preventable medical errors, accidents, injuries, and infections that together kill more than 500 people a day in the U.S. The state of Florida ranks #9 in the country for the highest percentage of hospitals receiving an “A” grade, an improvement over the Spring 2023 cycle.

The latest grades are the first to reflect post-pandemic hospital performance. Notably, Leapfrog found significant decreases in three dangerous healthcare-associated infections, but patient experience reports continue in the wrong direction.

“Nobody wants patients to suffer or even die from a preventable medical error, but sadly it happens all too often in hospitals across the country,” said Ashley Tait-Dinger, Vice President, Florida Alliance for Healthcare Value. “The employers and purchasers in our coalition believe everyone benefits when we know how hospitals are performing around these measures, and we can work together to prevent these terrible errors and harm.”

In Florida, 184 hospitals were graded, and 70 earned an “A,” 39 earned a “B,” 63 earned a “C,” 12 earned a “D,” and 0 earned an “F.”

“Congratulations are due to AdventHealth Daytona Beach for receiving an “A” Safety Grade every year since 2012. This is a significant achievement,” said Karen van Caulil, President and CEO of the Florida Alliance and Leapfrog Board member. “We appreciate the effort that the hospital staff undertake to maintain this high level of commitment to patient safety.”

“We know the pandemic caused tremendous strain on hospitals, but we are encouraged by the significant reduction in infections and applaud the hospitals in Florida that worked to achieve that. It is clear, however, that many hospitals have not fully rebounded, as shown by the declining patient experience measures,” said Leah Binder, President and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. “Despite the challenges, we commend the hospitals in Florida that are clearly putting patients first.”

The Leapfrog Group has more than 10-years of 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. 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 an independent national nonprofit 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](#).