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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Day Kimball Hospital Nationally Recognized with an ‘A’ Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade for Fall 2021**

PUTNAM, CONN. (Dec. 16, 2021) – For the second consecutive time, The Leapfrog Group, an independent national watchdog organization, awarded Day Kimball Hospital an “A” [Hospital Safety Grade](#) for achieving the highest national standards in patient safety. This national distinction recognizes DKH’s achievements in protecting patients from harm and error in the hospital. Earlier this year, DKH was also honored with an “A” grade in the [spring 2021 release of the Leapfrog Group’s Hospital Safety Grade](#).

"We are proud to again be formally recognized as a leader in patient safety – especially in a period so consumed by the COVID-19 pandemic," said Kyle Kramer, chief executive officer, Day Kimball Healthcare. "Receiving the Leapfrog Hospital Safety ‘A’ Grade is affirmation of the relentless commitment our team makes to providing best-in-class patient care every day."

The Leapfrog Group, an independent national watchdog organization, assigns an “A,” “B,” “C,” “D,” or “F” grade to general hospitals across the country based on over thirty national performance measures reflecting errors, injuries, accidents and infections, as well as systems hospitals have in place to prevent harm.

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.

"An ‘A’ Safety Grade is a tremendous achievement, of which this community should be extremely proud," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "I thank the leadership and workforce of Day Kimball Hospital for its commitment to prioritizing patients and their safety, especially during these trying times."

To see Day Kimball Hospital's full grade details and to access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit [HospitalSafetyGrade.org](https://HospitalSafetyGrade.org) and follow [The Leapfrog Group on Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

DKH takes pride in the excellence of care provided to its patients and the community. To learn more about all of Day Kimball Hospital's various safety and quality measures, visit [www.daykimball.org/quality](http://www.daykimball.org/quality).

#### **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](#) 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.

#### **About Day Kimball Healthcare**

Day Kimball Healthcare is a nonprofit community healthcare system composed of Day Kimball Hospital, Day Kimball Medical Group, Day Kimball Healthcare at Home, and healthcare centers in Danielson, Dayville, Plainfield, and Putnam. Its service area includes Northeast Connecticut as well as nearby Massachusetts and Rhode Island communities. Day Kimball Healthcare's comprehensive network employs more than 1,000 staff including nearly 300 associated, highly skilled physicians, surgeons and specialists. Its website is [daykimball.org](http://daykimball.org).