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Saint Francis Hospital Once Again Recognized with an ‘A’ for the Spring 2021 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade

Saint Francis has earned ‘A’ grades for six straight reports

HARTFORD, Conn. (April 29, 2020) – Saint Francis Hospital, a member of Trinity Health Of New England, received an ‘A’ in the [Spring 2021 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade](#), a national distinction recognizing Saint Francis’ achievements protecting patients from harm and providing safer health care. The Leapfrog Group is an independent national watchdog organization committed to health care quality and safety. The Safety Grade assigns an ‘A’, ‘B’, ‘C’, ‘D’ or ‘F’ grade to all general hospitals across the country and is updated every six months. It is based on a hospital’s performance in preventing medical errors, injuries, accidents, infections and other harms to patients in their care. Saint Francis is the only Connecticut hospital to achieve an ‘A’ Safety Grade for the last six consecutive grading cycles and the only hospital to achieve nine ‘A’ Safety Grades for last ten consecutive grading cycles.

“Receiving an ‘A’ rating in the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades for the sixth consecutive cycle is a true testament to the focus our physicians, nurses, providers, and staff put on patient safety,” said Thomas Burke, BPharm, M.B.A, President of Saint Francis Hospital. “Safety is one of our Core Values, and the commitment to providing the safest, top quality care for every patient who comes through our doors is evident. We are so proud to continue achieving the highest marks when it comes to patient safety.”

“An ‘A’ safety grade is an elite designation that your community should be proud of,” said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. “The past year has been extraordinarily difficult for hospitals, but Saint Francis show us it is possible to keep a laser focus on patients and their safety, no matter what it takes.”

Developed under the guidance of a [national Expert Panel](#), the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses up to 27 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign grades to more than 2,700 U.S. acute-care hospitals twice per year. The Hospital Safety Grade’s methodology is peer-reviewed and fully transparent, and the results are free to the public.

Saint Francis Hospital was awarded an 'A' grade today when Leapfrog updated grades for spring 2021. To see Saint Francis's full grade details and access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit hospitalsafetygrade.org and follow The Leapfrog Group on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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 Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center

Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center has been an anchor institution in north central Connecticut since 1897. In 2015, Saint Francis became part of Trinity Health Of New England, a member of Trinity Health, one of the largest multi-institutional Catholic health care delivery systems in the nation. Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center is licensed for 617 beds, is a major teaching hospital and the largest Catholic hospital in New England. Other Saint Francis entities include the Comprehensive Women's Health Center, the Connecticut Joint Replacement Institute, the Hoffman Heart and Vascular Institute of Connecticut, the Smilow Cancer Hospital Yale-New Haven at Saint Francis, Trinity Health Of New England Medical Group, and Community Health and Well Being, which includes the Curtis D. Robinson Center for Health Equity, the Joan C. Dauber Food Pantry, and the Greater Hartford Family Advocacy Center. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter [@SaintFrancisCT](#)