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Saint Francis Hospital Nationally Recognized With Third Consecutive 'A' for the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade

HARTFORD, Conn. (November 12, 2019) – Saint Francis Hospital, a member of Trinity Health Of New England, was awarded an 'A' in the [fall 2019 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade](#), a national distinction recognizing Saint Francis' achievements in protecting patients from harm and providing safer health care. Saint Francis is one of only two Connecticut hospital to achieve an 'A' Safety Grade for the last three consecutive grading cycles. The Leapfrog Group releases updated Safety Grades twice a year, each spring and fall. This is the sixth 'A' Safety Grade for Saint Francis in the last seven grading cycles.

"Saint Francis Hospital is incredibly proud to achieve the ultimate recognition in patient safety year after year," said Dr. John Rodis, president, Saint Francis Hospital. "This achievement is a result of the passion, diligence, and collaborative work put forth by our doctors, nurses, physician assistants, anesthesiologists, and lab and pharmacy personnel. Saint Francis works tirelessly to continue providing the optimal level of care our patients deserve."

The Leapfrog Group is an independent national watchdog organization driven by employers and other purchasers of health care committed to improving health care quality and safety for consumers and purchasers. The Safety Grade assigns an 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D' or 'F' grade to all general hospitals across the country based on their performance in preventing medical errors, injuries, accidents, infections and other harms to patients in their care.

"'A' hospitals show us their leadership is protecting patients from preventable medical harm and error," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "It takes genuine commitment at every level – from clinicians to administrators to the board of directors – and we congratulate the teams who have worked so hard to earn this A."

Developed under the guidance of a national Expert Panel, the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses 28 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign grades to more than 2,600 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](#) was awarded an 'A' grade this month, when Leapfrog announced grades for the fall 2019 update. To see Saint Francis' full grade details, learn how employers can help, and access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit hospitalsafetygrade.org.

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, licensed for 617 beds, is a Level 1 Trauma Center, 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 Curtis D. Robinson Center for Health Equity, the Hoffman Heart and Vascular Institute of Connecticut, the Smilow Cancer Hospital Yale-New Haven at Saint Francis, and Trinity Health Of New England Medical Group. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @SaintFrancisCT

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](#) collects and transparently reports hospital 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.