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## **Saint Francis Hospital Recognized with an ‘A’ for the Fall 2021 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades**

*Saint Francis has earned ‘A’ grades for seven consecutive reports*

HARTFORD, Conn. (November 10, 2021) – Saint Francis Hospital, a member of Trinity Health Of New England, received an ‘A’ in the [Fall 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 seven consecutive grading cycles and the only hospital to achieve 10 ‘A’ Safety Grades for the last 11 grading cycles.

“I am so proud of our physicians, nurses, providers, and staff for their commitment to providing the safest, top quality care for every patient who comes through our doors,” said Thomas Burke, BPharm, M.B.A., President of Saint Francis Hospital. “To achieve an ‘A’ rating in the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades for seven consecutive cycles, and 10 of the last 11, shows that we make the safety of our patients our top priorities. We are so proud to continue achieving the highest marks when it comes to patient safety.”

“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 Saint Francis Hospital for its commitment to prioritizing patients and their safety, especially during these trying times.”

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 fall 2021. To see Saint Francis's full grade details and access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit [hospitalsafetygrade.org](https://hospitalsafetygrade.org) and follow The Leapfrog Group on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

### **About Saint Francis Hospital**

Saint Francis Hospital has been an anchor institution in Connecticut since 1897. Saint Francis is a member of Trinity Health Of New England and Trinity Health, one of the largest multi-institutional Catholic health care delivery systems in the nation. Saint Francis Hospital, a Level 1 Trauma Center, is a 617-bed hospital, 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

### **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.