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Leapfrog Announces 2018 Top Hospital Award for Illinois Area Hospitals

Seven local hospitals receive coveted national distinction on safety & quality practices

CHICAGO – Dec. 4, 2018 – [The Leapfrog Group](#) announced seven hospitals in Illinois have been named to its 2018 national list of Top Hospitals. The elite award is one of the most competitive honors American hospitals can receive in safety and quality. The winning facilities will be officially recognized at Leapfrog’s Annual Top Hospitals Ceremony tonight in Washington, DC.

“Patient safety should be a top priority for all hospitals,” said Chery Larson, Midwest Business Group on Health (MBGH) president & CEO. “These Illinois hospitals are an exceptional group that exemplifies the best of the best in protecting patients from errors, injuries, accidents and infections.”

The MBGH is Leapfrog Group’s Illinois Regional Leader and a non-profit organization representing employer purchasers of health care. The Top Hospitals in Illinois:

- Elmhurst Memorial Hospital
- Northwestern Medicine Delnor Hospital
- Northwestern Memorial Hospital
- OSF Holy Family Medical Center
- Presence Resurrection Medical Center
- Presence Saints Mary and Elizabeth Medical Center
- University of Chicago Medical Center

Leapfrog is a national nonprofit watchdog organization that rates hospitals on how well they protect patients from errors and infections, as well as the effectiveness of procedures and other care they provide. This year, Leapfrog recognized 118 Top Hospitals across the country. Of those, 13 were Top Children’s Hospitals, 35 Top General Hospitals, 17 Top Rural Hospitals and 53 Top Teaching Hospitals.

“Leapfrog Top Hospitals have demonstrated excellence in providing safe and high quality care,” said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. “We congratulate the leadership, boards, clinicians, staff and volunteers whose dedication contributed to their hospital’s success.”

The Top Hospital award is given to teaching, general, rural and children's hospitals that publicly report their performance through the Leapfrog Hospital Survey and meet the high standards defined in [the Top Hospitals Methodology](#). This includes infection rates, maternity care and a hospital’s ability to prevent medication errors, among other standards. To see the full national list of institutions honored as 2018 Top Hospitals, please visit www.leapfroggroup.org/tophospitals.

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.

About the Midwest Business Group on Health

MBGH is one of the nation's leading non-profit employer coalitions of 125 mid, large and jumbo self-funded public and private employers, representing over 4 million lives and annually spending over \$4.5 billion on health care. Members consist of leading health benefit professionals, with activities focused on education, research, benchmarking and community-based initiatives that increase the value of health benefits and health care services. MBGH is a founding member of the National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions. Follow us on [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#). www.mbgh.org

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