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Illinois Hospitals Receive New Spring 2019 Patient Safety Grades from The Leapfrog Group

40% of graded hospitals in state received an A, no hospitals received an F

CHICAGO – May 15, 2019 – [The Leapfrog Group](#), a national nonprofit representing the nation’s largest and most influential employers and purchasers of health care, announced today the spring 2019 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades. The independent grading system assigns A, B, C, D and F letter grades to general acute-care hospitals in the US based on their ability to protect patients from avoidable errors, injuries, accidents and infections.

Of the 110 hospitals in Illinois graded, 40% earned an A, 27% B’s, and 29% earned C’s. Five hospitals earned a score of D, with no hospitals receiving an F. Illinois moved down a spot in the national rankings to the 14th spot.

The [Midwest Business Group on Health](#) (MBGH), a non-profit organization representing employer purchasers of health care, and the Leapfrog Group’s Illinois Regional Leader, annually encourages Illinois hospitals to participate in Leapfrog’s online patient safety survey.

Hospitals earning an A grade:

- AMITA Health Adventist Medical Centers in Bolingbrook
- AMITA Health Adventist Medical Center GlenOaks
- AMITA Health Adventist Medical Center Hinsdale
- AMITA Health Adventist Medical Center La Grange
- AMITA Health Resurrection Medical Center
- AMITA Health Saint Joseph Hospital Chicago
- Carle Foundation Hospital
- Centegra Hospital - McHenry
- Centegra Hospital Huntley
- Edward Hospital
- Elmhurst Memorial Hospital
- Graham Hospital
- HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital
- HSHS St. John's Hospital
- HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital
- Katherine Shaw Bethea Hospital
- Loyola Gottlieb Memorial Hospital
- Morris Hospital
- NorthShore University HealthSystem, Evanston Hospital
- NorthShore University HealthSystem, Glenbrook Hospital
- NorthShore University HealthSystem, Skokie Hospital
- NorthShore University HealthSystem, Highland Park Hospital
- Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital
- Northwestern Medicine Delnor Hospital
- OSF Heart of Mary Medical Center
- OSF St. Joseph Medical Center
- OSF St. Mary Medical Center
- Presence Saint Joseph Hospital
- Presence Saints Mary and Elizabeth Medical Center
- Rush Copley Medical Center
- Rush Oak Park Hospital
- Silver Cross Hospital
- SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital-Centralia
- University of Chicago Medical Center
- AMITA Health St. Alexius Medical Center Hoffman Estates
- Decatur Memorial Hospital
- Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers

- Northwest Community Hospital Arlington Heights
- Ottawa Regional Hospital and Healthcare Center dba OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center
- Presence St. Joseph Medical Center
- Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center
- Swedish Covenant Hospital

“The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade offers our community critical information about which hospitals in Chicagoland and Illinois are best at protecting patients from preventable harm,” said Cheryl Larson, MBGH president and CEO. “We are committed to ensuring our local hospitals offer the best and safest care to their patients and will continue to work together to make our community the safest in America.”

Alongside its semiannual Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade update, Leapfrog contracted with The Armstrong Institute for Patient Safety and Quality at Johns Hopkins Medicine to update its estimate of deaths due to errors, accidents, injuries and infections at A, B, C, D and F hospitals. Researchers assessed more than 2,600 hospitals receiving Hospital Safety Grades and found that when compared to A hospitals, patients at D and F hospitals face almost double (92% greater) the risk of death. If every hospital had the performance of an A hospital, an estimated 50,000 lives could be saved. Overall, the researchers concluded that an estimated 160,000 lives are lost annually due to avoidable medical errors that are accounted for in the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade.

“Avoidable medical errors and infections in hospitals continue to be one of the leading causes of death in the US,” said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. “The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade provides Illinois with useful, up-to-date information to further ensure safety and accountability when choosing a hospital.”

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 the grades to US hospitals twice per year. The Hospital Safety Grade’s methodology is peer-reviewed and fully transparent, and the results are free to the public.

For more information about the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade, as well as individual grades and state rankings please visit hospitalsafetygrade.org and follow The Leapfrog Group on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/leapfroggroup) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/leapfroggroup).

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. leapfroggroup.org

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