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Eisenhower Receives Top "A" Grade in Leapfrog's Spring 2014 Hospital Safety Score

Designed to rate how well hospitals protect patients from accidents, errors, injuries and infections, the latest Hospital Safety Score honored Eisenhower Medical Center with an "A" — its top grade in patient safety. The Hospital Safety Score is compiled under the guidance of the nation's leading experts on patient safety and is administered by The Leapfrog Group (Leapfrog), an independent industry watchdog. The first and only hospital safety rating to be peer-reviewed in the Journal of Patient Safety, the Score is free to the public and designed to give consumers information they can use to protect themselves and their families when facing a hospital stay.

"We are so proud to have received an "A" from Leapfrog," says Lynn Masterson, RN, MSN, Vice President, Quality, Resource Management and Surgical Services, Eisenhower Medical Center. "Each day, our physicians and staff work diligently to enhance and improve patient safety, as well as use best practices to provide our patients with excellent care. Leapfrog's recognition underscores the effectiveness of Eisenhower's ongoing quality initiatives and our dedication to providing the very best in patient care."

"Safety should come first for our families when we pick a hospital, because errors and infections are common and deadly," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group, which produces the Hospital Safety Score. "No hospital is perfect, but we congratulate the Board, clinicians, administration, and staff of Eisenhower Medical Center for achieving an "A" and showing us that you made the well-being of your patients your top priority."

Calculated under the guidance of Leapfrog's Blue Ribbon Expert Panel, the Hospital Safety Score uses 28 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to produce a single "A," "B," "C," "D," or "F" score representing a hospital's overall capacity to keep patients safe from preventable harm. More than 2,500 U.S. general hospitals were assigned scores in spring 2014, with about 32-percent receiving an "A" grade. The Hospital Safety Score is fully transparent, and its website offers a full analysis of the data and methodology used in determining grades.

To see how Eisenhower Medical Center's score compares locally and nationally, and to access safety tips for patients and their loved ones, visit the Hospital Safety Score website at www.hospitalsafetyscore.org. Consumers can also go to www.hospitalsafetyscore.org for a free download of the Hospital Safety Score app.
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