LEAPFROG HOSPITAL SAFETY GRADE

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How Safe is Your Hospital?

ParTNers for Health is committed to your health and peace of mind and wants to provide you with information to help you make good healthcare decisions.

While many hospitals are good at keeping their patients safe, some hospitals aren't. The **Hospital Safety Grade** rates hospitals on how safe they keep their patients from errors, injuries, accidents and infections. The safety grade is just one factor in choosing a hospital.

Did You Know?

- "A" hospitals do a better job at preventing errors
- As many as 440,000 people die every year from hospital errors, injuries, accidents, and infections
- You have a 1 in 25 chance of leaving the hospital with a new infection

What Can You Do?

- Check your hospital's **Safety Grade** to find a hospital doing better on patient safety so you can protect yourself and your loved ones.
- **Talk with your doctor** about which hospital is best for you and your family.
- **Research** your local hospitals in advance so that you are prepared when/if you need to seek care.
- **Be prepared** for your hospital stay by giving your doctors lists of your medications and all your medical records, and following checklists of steps to take in order to stay safe in the hospital.
- It is a good idea to have a designated person who can help you manage your care. A patient or **health care advocate** watches out for you while you are in the hospital. This allows you to focus on recovering and reduces the stress felt by your family members. Talk to your doctor to see if your hospital has a patient advocate.
- **Visit** www.hospitalsafetygrade.org for more tips on staying safe.
- **Never** refuse care in an emergency because of the Safety Grade.

To see if a hospital is in your plan's network, view your 2018 Provider Directory, or call the member services number on the back of your insurance card.

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