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Tift Regional Medical Center earns another 'A' Hospital Safety Grade from The Leapfrog Group



(May 1, 2024, Tifton, Georgia) – Tift Regional Medical Center (TRMC) has earned another "A" Hospital Safety Grade from The Leapfrog Group, a national nonprofit watchdog organization. Based in Tifton, TRMC is the main hospital for Southwell.

Leapfrog assigns an "A," "B," "C," "D" or "F" grade to general hospitals across the country based on over 30 measures of errors, accidents, injuries and infections as well as the systems hospitals have in place to prevent them.

"This top grade from The Leapfrog Group validates the hard work and dedication of our physicians, advanced practice providers, nurses, technicians, therapists and support staff," said Christopher Dorman, Southwell President/CEO. "They work hard each and every day to provide safe and compassionate care for our patients with a focus on total quality."

The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade is the only hospital ratings program focused exclusively on preventable medical errors, infections and injuries that kill more than 500 patients a day nationally. The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade is peer-reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public. Grades are updated twice annually, in the fall and spring.

"Everyone who works at TRMC should be proud of this 'A' Hospital Safety Grade," said Leah Binder, President/CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "It takes complete dedication of at every level, and an ironclad commitment to putting patients first. I thank TRMC, its leadership, clinicians, staff, and volunteers for caring so deeply for its patients and their safety."

To see TRMC's full grade details and to access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit www.HospitalSafetyGrade.org.

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About Southwell

Southwell is a leading integrated healthcare system dedicated to delivering quality and compassionate care in South Georgia. Southwell includes Tift Regional Medical Center, Southwell Medical, Southwell Health and Rehabilitation, and more than thirty-five (35) outpatient diagnostic and treatment facilities, physician clinics, and endoscopy procedure centers. Please visit www.MySouthwell.com for more information.

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 for patient safety. The flagship Leapfrog Hospital Survey and 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. For more, follow us on Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram and sign up for our newsletter.