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## CARTERSVILLE MEDICAL CENTER NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED WITH AN 'A' FOR THE SPRING 2021 LEAPFROG HOSPITAL SAFETY GRADE

**CARTERSVILLE, GA; April 29, 2021** – Cartersville Medical Center received an "A" grade in the <u>spring 2021</u> <u>Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade, a national distinction</u> recognizing Cartersville Medical Center's achievements protecting patients from errors, injuries, accidents, and infections. The Leapfrog Group is an independent national watchdog organization committed to health care quality and safety. The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade assigns an "A," "B," "C," "D," or "F" grade to all general hospitals across the country and is updated every six months. It is the only hospital ratings program based exclusively on hospitals' prevention of medical errors and other harms to patients in their care.

This is the tenth consecutive "A" grade received by Cartersville Medical Center. "Patient safety and quality clinical outcomes are paramount to everything we do in caring for each and every patient who seeks our hospital for their care," said Chris Mosley, CEO. "The recognition is evidence that our colleagues and physicians continue to provide safe, high quality care to our patients. To be recognized by The Leapfrog Group a tenth consecutive time is such an incredible honor."

"An 'A' safety grade is an elite designation that your community should be proud of," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "The past year has been extraordinarily difficult for hospitals, but Cartersville Medical Center shows us it is possible to keep a laser focus on patients and their safety, no matter what it takes."

Developed under the guidance of a <u>national Expert Panel</u>, the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses up to 27 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign grades to more than 2,700 U.S. acutecare hospitals twice per year. The Hospital Safety Grade's methodology is peer-reviewed and fully transparent, and the results are free to the public. Cartersville Medical Center was awarded an "A" grade today when Leapfrog updated grades for spring 2021. To see Cartersville Medical Center's full grade details and access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit <u>hospitalsafetygrade.org</u> and follow The Leapfrog Group on <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Facebook</u>.

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## About The Leapfrog Group

Founded in 2000 by large employers and other purchasers, <u>The Leapfrog Group</u> is a national nonprofit organization driving a movement for giant leaps forward in the quality and safety of American health care. The flagship <u>Leapfrog Hospital Survey</u> and new <u>Leapfrog Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) Survey</u> collect and <u>transparently report</u> 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 <u>Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade</u>, 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 Cartersville Medical Center

Cartersville Medical Center is a 119-bed acute care hospital, Chest Pain Center, Certified Primary Stroke Center, Level III Trauma Center, Certified Total Joint program and Gold Seal Inpatient Diabetes program facility accredited by the Joint Commission. The Breast Imaging Center at The Women's Center provides mammography services that are gold seal accredited by the American College of Radiology. The Advanced Wound Healing Center provides specialized treatment for chronic or non-healing wounds. The Hope Center, a regional, Commission on Cancer approved cancer treatment facility, is conveniently located on the hospital campus and provides over 4,000 treatments with over 300 new patients per year from a ten county region. For medical needs that do not require a visit to the emergency department, Cartersville Urgent Care offers a convenient location close to home with walk-in care for most minor injuries and illnesses along with preventative care and testing.

For more information about programs and services offered at Cartersville Medical Center or The Hope Center, call MedLine at (800) 242-5662 or visit <u>www.cartersvillemedical.com</u>.

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